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Elks Pick NY for 1939

Re-Elect 2 Grand Rulers and Settle Virginia Rift

BALTIMORE — Re-electing all major grand lodge officers and selecting New York as the site for the 1939 conclave, the thirty-ninth annual Elks convention closed here, Saturday.

Earlier, J. Finley Wilson was unanimously re-elected grand exalted ruler for another two-year term. Miss Abbie M. Johnson was likewise reseated for a similar term as grand daughter ruler.

Mrs. Johnson's re-election was accomplished only after a bit of legislative maneuvering which resulted in the disruption of the session. The entire matter was straightened out by Perry Howard, grand legal advisor, who, according to Mrs. Johnson, "happened to be paying a visit to the session."

Election Illegal—Charge

At the election on Tuesday, Mrs. Johnson's nomination was rushed through on a resolution providing for a two-year term. This resolution had not been passed by the executive board and consequently could not be legally presented to the convention proper, it was contended.

A delegation of members not present at the election protested so vociferously that it was voided. However, at Wednesday's session, the rules were suspended, the resolution acted upon, and the election carried.

Financially, the convention reported a surpluss of nearly $13,000. Total expenses of the grand lodge sessions were estimated at $5,500.

Virginia Case Settled

The much-discussed Virginia case was settled with A. H. Collins, exalted ruler of the Alexandria Lodge and president of the Virginia State Association.

The thirteenth aniversary of the oratorical contest was conducted under Wm. C. Hueston, commissioner of education. Miss Virginia Foster of Greensboro, N. C., won the annual contest. More than 200,000 spectators viewed the mammoth parade of 5,430 persons representing 138 units. Sixty-seven police and firemen among the marchers made a big hit with the spectators.

Henry Endorsed for Congress

The grand lodge not only endorsed Robert L. Vann for the U. S. Supreme Court, but individual members contributed to a $5,000 campaign fund for Magistrate Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia, grand lodge treasurer and candidate for Congress.

G. W. Lee, exalted ruler of the Bluff City Lodge, Memphis, was crowned "king" of the exalted rulers for having reported the largest increase in membership and creating the best spirit of Elkdom throughout the jurisdiction.

25,000 Elks Wanted

In his program for the ensuing year, Carlos C. Valle, national organizer, plans to conduct an extensive campaign for 25,000 new members and the forming of at least 100 new lodges.

A motion was passed to appoint an assistant legal advisor and several grand associate organizers. The latter group will be compensated according to the work accomplished.

A sour note during the convention was struck on Thursday when a group of delegates visiting a whiskey distillery were confronted with a sign reading "For Whites Only." The matter was reported to the civil liberties' department, which drew up a protest demanding that the company either remove the sign or place a similar label on all their products.

If neither is done, the grand lodge proposed to go on record asking that all Elks refrain from buying any products of the company.

Clarifying the $500 donation to Spanish groups, a letter was drafted to be sent to the Spanish lodges advising them of the neutral stand of the grand lodge on the Spanish situation and stating that the money was for an ambulance to transport noncombatants.

List of Officers

The complete list of grand lodge officers follows:

J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler; James E. Kelly, secretary; Edward W. Henry, treasurer; William C. Hueston, commissioner of education; Perry W. Howard, legal advisor;

Roy S. Bond, esteemed leading knight; Joseph E. Brown, loyal knight; Marcus Wheatland, lecturing knight; Eugene Sorrell, esquire; John McKims, tiler, James C. Cooper, James E. Allen, and Samuel B. Mitchell, auditors;

Basil Bryant, John T. Freeman, Charles Oliver, Malcolm McCowan, Gray Hoyt, trustees; the Rev. G. Avant, chaplain, and W. T. Meade Grant, Jr., director of junior Elks.

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BALTIMORE WILL HAVE NEGRO COPS FOR ELKS' CONFAB

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 10—(ANP)—Roy S. Bond, attorney, and next man in line to J. Finley Wilson, was named chairman of the grand lodge entertainment committee of the coming convention in Baltimore, August 21-29, 1938.

Bond was elected at a meeting held last week and which was presided over by the Grand Exalted Ruler with the Grand Secretary, James E. Kelley of Birmingham, and W. C. Hueston also present.

Bond, now supervising the training of a school for Negro police by the city of Baltimore for the convention will have absolute charge of making all plans for the entertainment of this convention.

Miss Cummings to Aid

He is to be assisted by Miss Ida R. Cummings, an old teacher and member of one of the first families of Baltimore, as vice chairman. Miss Blanche Tilghman will act as secretary.

This school for police was made possible by the city through the mayor who promised to the Elks of Baltimore that such a school would be possible for the training of these men in order that they might be of assistance to visitors and delegates to the convention. There are no Negro police in Baltimore.

The school was started following the 1937 convention when Baltimore was awarded the 1938 convention. There are now 200 men being trained in the school. Bond is the Grand Esteemed Leading Knight and a member of the Monumental Lodge, No. 3 which formed the Boosting Committee for his appointment.

Effort To Halt Meet Defeated

Grand Lodge Files Answers To Charges

Special to Journal and Guide

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—On the theory that Alexandria Lodge of Elks had not exhausted all of its remedy within the order in its differences with the Grand Lodge of Elks before suing for an injunction to halt the grand lodge meeting in Baltimore, August 23, Judge William R. Woods of the Alexandria Corporation Court, dismissed the suit Tuesday morning.

The dismissal came as the result of a motion made by counsel for the grand lodge. The court heard arguments from both sides before deciding against the complainants, Alexandria Lodge No. 48.

In the hearing, the grand lodge was represented by Perry W. Howard, William C. Hueston, and Russell Morris, of Washington.

The complainant, Alexandria Lodge, was represented by J. Clarence Young and Alfred H. Collins, one of the persons involved in the controversy, both of Alexandria.

The grand lodge filed answers to the allegations made in the bill for injunction by Alexandria Lodge on Tuesday of last week. The grand lodge asked, at that time, to have the suit dismissed.

Alexandria Lodge No. 48 asked the court to enjoin the order from holding its annual convention in Baltimore on August 23.

A motion to have the suit dismissed, filed by the grand lodge, asserted two reasons for dismissal. The first attacked the jurisdiction of the court. It was averred that the controversy was between citizens of different states and an order of the Corporation Court would be a nullity in Maryland, except insofar as it is given force under the full faith and credit clause of the Federal Constitution.

It was also alleged that the grand lodge is a New Jersey corporation while the meeting sought to be enjoined is to be held in Maryland. Under such circumstances, it was pleaded, the only legal recourse of the lodge is to a Federal District Court in Maryland.

Dismissal of the suit was also asked on the grounds that the lodge has not exhausted its remedies within the order and that the controversy involves merely a matter of discipline or internal administration of a benevolent association.

Supporting the motion to dismiss was an affidavit executed by J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, in which it is alleged that Alexandria Lodge has paid no quarterly taxes since August, 1937.

Mr. Wilson also averred that Alfred H. Collins, the exalted ruler of Alexandria Lodge, was properly charged, tried and convicted of sedition against the order and was given the alternative of paying a fine of $150 or suspension for a year.

Mr. Collins could have purged himself, Mr. Wilson alleged, by disavowing any intention of seditious or rebellious conduct, but he refused to do so.

In his affidavit, Mr. Wilson added that Alexandria Lodge had disregarded the action of the grand lodge in suspending Mr. Collins and had continued him as its exalted ruler in violation of the laws of the order, for which it was suspended.

GIVES LODGE CHANCE

An olive branch, however, was extended to the lodge. In the spirit of fraternalism, Mr. Wilson asserted, the grand lodge is ready to extend to Alexandria Lodge every opportunity, privilege and right to set itself straight with the order by complying with the mandates and rules of the grand lodge.

To meet the contingency of a denial of the motion to dismiss, if it should arise, attorneys for the grand lodge had prepared an answer to the bill of complaint.

ANNOYS GRAND LODGE

In the answer it was charged that the lodge, led by Mr. Collins, is rebellious to the constituted authority of the grand lodge, has trampled upon the laws of the order, has continued as its exalted ruler Mr. Collins who was suspended from the grand lodge, and has been the source of more annoyance and trouble to the grand lodge than all the other lodges in the Order.

A denial was made of the allegation that the action of the grand lodge was due to any disfavor of Mr. Collins in the estimation of Mr. Wilson.

NO MALICE

It was also denied that any action taken in the case of Mr. Collins was motivated by malice. On the contrary, it was asserted, the conduct of Mr. Collins was such as to bring down the condemnation of the grand lodge.

It was also admitted that Mr. Collins was charged with sedition for utterances with respect to alleged unlawful expenditures by the grand exalted ruler.

It was pointed out that the lodge has an appeal pending from the action of the grand exalted ruler, and, if the lodge paid its dues, credentials could be issued to delegates other than Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins was elected as one of the delegates from Alexandria Lodge to the grand lodge.

It was also denied that the grand exalted ruler has usurped or arrogated unto himself such infamous or illegal power that he has effected unauthorized and illegal changes in the laws of the order since 1936. There has not been a single unauthorized change in the laws, it was contended.

It was also denied that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances is without authority to pass on the appeal of the lodge or that there was any scheme or concerted plan to deprive the lodge of representation in the Baltimore convention and preventing the grand lodge from getting the facts.

Secretary Kelly Casts Lone Ballot To Sweep "Ruler" In Office

Colonel R. E. Pharrow of Atlanta Presents Education Award to Carolina Girl

By TREZZANT ANDERSON

BALTIMORE, Md.—(SNS)—For the seventeenth consecutive year, Little Caeser, J. Finley Wilson, was re-elected to head the Elks, and again was Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson given the same honors in the Grand Temple. The entire grand lodge cabinet of Mr. Wilson was re-elected, despite the rumored opposition of Roy S. Bond, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, by Joseph James, Jr., of Daytona Beach, Fla.

A Tuesday street parade, the most spectacular since 1927, was the highlight of the convention.

Five hundred thousand Baltimoreans and spectators from all parts of the country lined the streets, and witnessed a parade which took some six hours to pass a given spot. Some 50 bands, over 300 marching and drill units kept the throng in one cheer after another, as the year's most brilliant fraternal display was launched.

While the gay parade furnished the fireworks for the outsiders, there was a more sincere and earnest a touch given in the reception given to the Grand Lodge by His Excellency, Harry W. Nice, Governor of Maryland. For it was Governor Nice who came out plain-spoken and frank in his statements as to the proper attitude which his group should show to the Negro.

Named Policemen

Welcoming the Grand Lodge to the State of Maryland Gov. Nice told of having appointed, for the first time in history, Negro policemen in his state, and told his audience that he did it "not to gain the affection of the Negroes of Maryland, but because I felt that it was the best way to detect crime among the Negro people. Certainly Negro policemen would be much better to correct the criminal traits of their own people than white policemen."

Gov. Nice told his audience that he favored equalization of salaries of school teachers in his state, as well as elsewhere, "for," said he, "Negro teachers have to meet the same requirments of education before they are allowed to teach, and that being so, why shouldn't they draw the same salaries?" "When I go back into office this unfair and unconstitutional law shall be wiped off the books," he stated as the crowd cheered, and gave him an ovation

The Grand Talks

Addressing the Grand Lodge, and making his annual report, Mr. Wilson gave a list of new lodges set up since the last session at Cleveland, and gave an accounting of his office expenses, etc., and reported a decided increase in the wealth and size of the Grand Lodge. Five mortgages were burned during the month of August, prior to the present Grand Lodge. These mortgages totalled the cash sum of $100,000. Following the report of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Dr. Hudson J. Oliver, of New York City took the floor, and motioned that the rules be suspended, and that the Grand Secretary, James E. Kelley, be authorized to cast one ballot for the re-election of Mr. Wilson as Grand Exalted Ruler. Amidst a pandemonious display, and with a tremendous ovation, Mr. Wilson was once again swept into the office he has filled since 1922. Dr. Oliver's motion was seconded by Hobson J. Reynolds, Exalted Ruler of Chris Perry Lodge, of Philadelphia, and a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Given Gold Collar

Shortly after this a delegation of ladies, representing the Grand Temple, and headed by the just-re-elected Grand Daughter Ruler, Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson, of Philadelphia, presented Mr. Wilson with a new solid gold collar. The gift was presented by Mrs. Ella C. Berry, Past Grand Daughter Ruler.

Mayor Howard M. Jackson joined Gov. Nice in welcoming the liberties program presented by Director Hobson J. Reynolds, and in a Monday seminar listened to discussions by Judges Dickerson and Taylor, of the local courts, Judge Armond W. Scott of Washington Asst. City Solicitor David W. Grant of St. Louis, Mo., Tax Commissioner Hubert C. DeLaney of New York City, Asst. Atty.-General Solomon of Maryland, Atty. J. Mercer Burrell of Newark N. J., and Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson.

The reports of the various officers show that the financial condition of the order is in betetr shape today than it has been in several years and there is no deficit at all. The chief figures in the Grand Lodge cabinet remain the same for another twelve months. The Cabinet is as follows: Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, Grand Secretary James E. Kelley, Grand Treasurer Judge Edw. W. Henry, Grand Commissioner of Education W. C. Hueston, Grand Legal Advisor Perry W. Howard, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Roy S. Bond, Grand Commissioner of Health Dr. W. J. Thompkins, Grand Esquire Eugene Sorrals, Grand Chaplain, the Rev. G. W. Avant, Grand Director of Junior Elks, W. T. Meade Grant, Jr., Grand Commissioner of Transportation C. Tiffany Tolliver.

New York City In '39

The Grand Lodge sessions in 1939 will undoubtedly be held in New York City as the Mighty Monarch Lodge headed by Dr. Hudson J. Oliver bid for it.

For this 1938 convention and parade, along with the Grand Ball held at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Elks to Baltimore and Maryland. Resposes were made by Attorney Roy S. Bond, general chairman of the convention, and Grand Esteemed Loyal Kight. Perry W. Howard, Grand Legal Adviser; Dr. William J. Thompkins, Commissioner of Health, and Recorder of Deeds, of the District of Columbia, and others. Keys to the State and City were given Mr. Wilson.

At the national oratorical contest held Monday night, Miss Virginia Foster, 18 year old miss, of Greensboro, North Carolina, was declared the winner, after delivering a very dynamic declamation on "The Constitution and the Negro." The decision was a very popular one. Miss Foster was presented by her regional director of education, Col. Robert E. Pharrow, of Atlanta, Ga.

The winner received a $1,000 scholarship to any college or university in the country. At an earlier afternoon session, Samuel Rosenthal, white hotel owner of this city, gave to Grand Commission of Education, Judge William C. Hueston, $1,000, to be used as two scholarships of $500 each, one to Morgan College, here, and the other to Howard University Washington, D. C.

Endorse Henry

The Grand Lodge went on record as endorsing, whole-heartedly, the candidacy of Grand Treasurer, Judge Edward W. Henry, of Philadelphia, for election to the U. S. House of Rperesentative, from the Second Pennsylvania District this fall.

All the rumored dissension from the Virginia State Association seemed dead, and there was no evidence of any dissatisfaction from Virginia, for Richmond, Norfolk and Portsmouth were in the huge street parade, each with from two to five separate units.

This year, on the third anniversary of his election as Grand Director of the Junior Elks, W. T. Meade Grant, Jr., leader of this group had a strong representation in the parade and held a separate lodge session for his units, in conjunction with the grand lodge.

Department of Education

Judge William C. Hueston, commissioner of education, in his department report, went on record as flaying the present educational set-up of the states as being grossly inadequate to meet the present day demands of education, and called for Federal enterprise in the field of education, as being the only hope for the betterment of Negro standards. Commissioner Hueston declared that the southern states did not possess sufficient taxable property to raise funds for the proper operation of the schools, and therefore Federal aid was essential, if improvements were to be made. The Elks then went on record as favoring and desiring Federal aid for state education. Gov. Nice, of Maryland, told the Grand Lodge that the State was going to build a new state university for Negroes in the near future.

For Liberties Program

The Grand Lodge endorsed the civil and featuring the music of Jimmie Lunceford and his band, there were 14 special trains operated into Baltimore from North and South, and over 300 busses.

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Elks At Baltimore Gear Organization To Grapple With Race's Economic Ills

Welcomed By Governor and Inspired By Dressed-Up City, Antlered Herd Turns Attention To Housing, Jobs, Education, and Sundry Problems Affecting Future.

By CHARLES T. MAGILL

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 25—Warm Southern hospitality, a profusion of bunting and flags and myriads of electric lights greeted the members and friends of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World as they began gathering here on Sunday for their thirty-ninth annual Grand Lodge session, more popularly known as the Elks' convention.

Early in the morning the crowds began to pour in and by Monday several special trains, principally from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, D. C., had augmented Baltimore's population by several thousands.

Warm weather did not prevent hundreds from coming out Sunday morning to listen to Bishop David H. Sims of Philadelphia, deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the educational department, Elkdom's outstanding organization presided over by William C. Hueston. Ritualistic services were conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. C. C. Ferguson. J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, was the guest speaker. The Rev. W. George Avant of Durham, N. C., grand chaplain, aided in the scriptural services.

URGE BETTER HOUSING

Better housing for the Negro under government supervision was the theme of the 3 o'clock session of the Economic Congress, presided over by James A. Jackson, grand commissioner of economic of New York. Charles Duke of the United States Department of Commerce was the principal speaker. He admitted that Negro slum condition in nearly every city in the country was a major problem but he added that it was being slowly, but surely attacked even though it did not appear so tremendously evident.

Mrs. Pearl Brown of this city state director of education for Maryland and chairman of the arrangement committee for the department of education, made the opening remarks. Attorney Leroy Jordan of Elizabeth, N. J., made a stirring address. Several of the workings of the National Security Act were discussed and a better break for the Negro was urged.

ANNUAL SERMON CROWDED

Sunday night, the annual sermon of the Grand Lodge at Sharon Baptist church, Stricker and Prestman streets, was jammed. A welcoming address was made by the pastor, the Rev. Beale Elliott and the grand chaplain, W. G. Avant, conducted the ritualistic services. Practically all the grand lodge officers were presented to the audience.

Monday morning the real session of the economic congress, an adjunct of the educational department, began in Bethel church with Dr. John C. Bruce of Washington, presiding. William C. Hueston delivered the address of welcome to the delegates. After several local educational directors had made reports, H. C. Trenholm, president of the Alabama State Teachers College of Montgomery, Ala., delivered the principal address.

Governor Harry W. Nice of Maryland, after a flowery introduction by J. Finley Wilson, welcomed all the Elks to the great State of Maryland. He told of his interest in the race and pledged himself to continue the distribution of equal justice and opportunity in so far as he, as governor, could. Several appreciative responses were made to the governor's remarks.

A less seasoned reporter might go into the rather apparent jumbled political aspects of the next official personnel of the Grand Lodge and just where the next convention will be held. This correspondent, being somewhat seasoned, refuses to do that. On some sides there is an indication that Roy Bond, grand esteemed leading knight might not succeed himself. Certainly there has been friction between the genial Baltimore lawyer who is chairman of the Baltimore general convention committee handling this convention, and the Grand Lodge staff. But whether that friction has reached the extent where it might cause the administration to turn hands down on Mr. Bond's re-election cannot accurately be foretold at this time. It is, however, within the realm of possibility.

And just where the next convention will be held is another peculiar question. Many ask, who wants the next convention? New York, through S. T. Saxon, exalted ruler of Monarch Lodge, claim they want the 1939 convention. Lieut. F. L. McDuff of Los Angeles claims that city wishes to entertain and James T. Cropper, of Chicago, says the Windy City would be tickled pink to have the convention next year.

It was commonly thought that the World's Fair in New York would surely attract the next Grand Lodge session, and this writer still thinks that it will. But he is opposed in that thought by many, and for that reason it would be difficult to predict just where the next convention will be held.

Certainly more people are coming to Baltimore and are already here for this Elk's convention than have been noted in any convention city in many years.

ANTLERED HERD WILL MEET IN N. Y. NEXT YEAR

Harlem's Lodges Already Making Preparation For Entertainment

9-3-39

Harlem's five Elk lodges, representing the largest city group of Negro fraternalists in all the world, will be host to the Grand Lodge in its next annual convention.

And the date for that convention has, as usual, been set for the last week in August, 1939. That was the unanimous decision of Elkdom's leaders in their closing session at Baltimore last Saturday.

S. T. Saxon, exalted ruler of the Monarch Lodge, made the keynote speech in Harlem's behalf by presenting to the convention letters from Mayor LaGuardia and at least a half dozen other city officials.

Strong bids from Philadelphia and Los Angeles were spurned by the convention when it was brought out that a session in New York during the World's Fair would probably draw nearly a half million visitors to Harlem during the Summer of 1939.

The Imperial, Henry Lincoln Johnson, Industry, Neptune and Greater Manhattan, headed by Joseph A. Brown, Richard E. Warner, Roland Edgecombe, Joseph Tanner and William Uquerhardt respectively, were working together this week in the hope that the convention next year would be the largest in Elk history.

The parade and convention at Baltimore last week was hailed by officials as the largest and most enthusiastic since the last convention here in Harlem ten years ago.

Elks Indorse "Floor Wages" For U.S. Help

Amsterdam News

The campaign to aid the forgotten workers of the U. S. Government before the next Congress was given a great boost last week by the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World headed by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson at the 39th convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Edgar G. Brown, president of the United Government Employes organization of Washington and a member of the I. B. P. O. E. W. Resolutions Committee succeeded in securing the Grand Lodges' indorsement of the $1500 minimum wage for all Federal and District employes and a five day work week.

The Elk's convention unanimously recommended the appointment by President Roosevelt of a colored real estate expert on the Federal Housing Administration and the amendments to be submitted for enlarging the scope of the present Social Security law by the 77th Congress to include Old Age Pensions and unemployment and health insurance for farmers and domestics as sponsored by the U.G.E.

Wilson And Elks

J. FINLEY WILSON, Elk potentate, is perennial. His reelection last week at Baltimore as grand exalted ruler of the order shows that he has worked himself into the coveted position where the name J. Finley Wilson is synonomous with Elkdom.

Amsterdam News

The Elks squabble among themselves as do most other organizations, but these differences do not hinder them from staging the most colorful spectacle of Negro America—the annual Elk parade. As fascinating as the old circus parade that coursed through the hometown's Main Street, the March of the Elks remains the premier exhibition of Negro fraternalism.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson is at the head of the Elk procession. He helps keep alive a tradition for display as old as history among Negro people. The Elks and J. Finley Wilson are one.

Tallulah, La., Journal
August 12, 1938

NEGRO ELKS HERE PLAN TO CELEBRATE 7th ANNIVERSARY

The seventh anniversary of the Starr Lodge, local negro Elks, will be celebrated in Tallulah on Sunday, August 14, when prominent members of that organization will assemble here. A feature of the program will be a parade which will terminate at the Fair Grounds at 1:30 in the afternoon where an address will be made by the State President W. T. Meade Grant, Jr., of New Orleans. A prize will be awarded for the best decorated car in the parade. A ball game will also be played in the afternoon and a banquet is scheduled for Sunday night. After 12 o'clock the anniversary dance will be held.

The committee from the local lodge which has charge of the arrangements is Thomas D. Shields, Thomas B. Williams, Cicero Scott, Tom Goodlow, George Smith and C. S. Barksdale.

Elks Pledge To Spend With Whites Who Hire Negroes

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Delegates Also Take Up Collection To Aid Judge Henry In His Campaign for Congress — Resolution Urges Appointment of Attorney Robert L. Vann to Supreme Court.

By CHARLES T. MAGILL
Staff Correspondent

BALTIMORE, Sept. 1—A donation of $500 was voted to the government forces of Spain for the purchase of an ambulance by the Grand Lodge of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., at its annual session which closed here on Saturday after a week of deliberations.

The Elks, representing a membership of more than 100,000 went on record as unalterably opposed to any compromise with Jake Powell of the New York Yankees baseball team of the American League who recently made a disparaging remark about the Negro. They voted to send a communication to Judge Ken Landis, Commissioner of the two leagues, protesting any further use of Powell as a player on any league baseball team.

SUPPORT HENRY, VANN

An enthusiastic plea was made for the support of Judge Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia in his fight for the congressional election and a collection was taken up among the delegates to aid the judge's campaign fund. Speeches were made by democrats as well as by republicans pledging their aid to the first Negro to run for congress from the Philadelphia district, and it was freely predicted that Judge Henry, a republican, would win hands down this fall.

The delegates went on record as endorsing heartily the effort to place a Negro on the United States Supreme Court bench and voted to support Robert L. Vann of Pittsburgh for the appointment. Some delegates voiced mild opposition to this among them being Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds, Washington, D.C., and the chairman of the Elks' National Health Commission.

The resolution to support Mr. Vann was submitted by Hobson R. Reynolds of Philadelphia, grand commissioner of civil liberties. In his resolution, Mr. Reynolds, a prominent Philadelphia business man and former member of the Pennsylvania legislature pointed to the endorsement of the Pittsburgh newspaper man and lawyer by the Baltimore Sun and other outstanding white dailies. A copy of the resolution was ordered sent to the President of the U.S.

VIRGINIA CASE SETTLED

Attorney Perry W. Howard, in rendering his report as grand legal advisor gave a clear account of the so-called Virginia case and told why A. H. Collins, of Alexandria, Va., president of the Virginia State Association, had been suspended. Attorney Howard predicted that no court in the land would sustain the battling Virginians.

After the grand legal advisor had read his report, it was announced that an agreement had been reached with the Collins faction and that they would be seated.

The negotiations were carried on mainly by Herbert Jones, well known member of the order of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Howard. In a letter to the grand legal advisor, Mr. Collins pledged himself to observe all the laws of the order and to cease any further legal fights.

CITATIONS VOTED

As the result of a resolution brought in by the committee on resolutions headed by J. Dalmus Steele of New York, the following citations for outstanding accomplishments were voted: education, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of Florida; humanitarian, Miss Jane E. Hunter of Cleveland; science, Dr. George W. Carver, Alabama; medicine, Dr. George W. Hinton, Boston, Mass.; music, William Grant Still, author of the New York World's Fair Symphony; and Sports Henry Armstrong, welter, light, and featherweight champion. The police of Baltimore were also commended for the manner in which they handled the arrangements for the parade and the convention in general.

SPEND WHERE YOU WORK

James A. Jackson, commissioner of economics, in his annual report recommended that the grand lodge go on record as pledging themselves to spend whenever and wherever there are Negro business an professional men; patronize only white business houses which employ Negroes; and to buy only trade marked goods coming from factories employing Negroes.

Lieut. G. W. Lee, exalted ruler of Bluff City Lodge No. 96, Memphis, Tenn., was crowned king of exalted rulers Saturday just before the close of the convention. He won the crown for gaining the most members during the year.

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Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen

GALILEAN FISHERMEN HOLD 9TH BIENNIAL SESSION; 1939 MEET IN PHILADELPHIA



Delegates to eighty-second and ninth biennial meeting of Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen in front of hall at 411 Biddle Street, where sessions were held this week. Seated are supreme officers and trustees. Left to right: John Coursey, Wilmington, Del.; Martin Lee, Cambridge, Md.; Mrs. Martha Diffin, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Olivia Seagers, Wilmington, Del.; Anthony Cunningham, D.C.; Mrs. Jennie Lee, D.C.; Theodore Kess, supreme ruler, Brooklyn, Md.; Mrs. Browna Graves, Steelton, Pa.; Mrs. Daisy Clarke, Chester, Pa.; Philemon Phillips, Baltimore; Mrs. Ella Ogle, Baltimore, and Hiliary Brown, D.C.

Theodore Kess Is Re-elected by Fishermen

BALTIMORE.

Theodore W. Kess of Brooklyn, Md., was re-elected supreme ruler of the Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen, at the biennial conclave on Monday, at the lodge hall, 411 Biddle Street, with fifty-four delegates representing five States in attendance.

Other officers are :

Anthony Cunningham, supreme deputy ruler; Olivia Seagres supreme associate ruler; Jennie B. Lee, supreme financial secretary; Martha E. Duffan, supreme recording secretary; Hilliary M Brown, supreme marshal; Philemon Phillips, supreme orator Browna Graves, supreme inside guard;

Martin G. Lee, supreme treasurer; Malvina Carter, supreme conductress; John Coursey, supreme chaplain, and Lucy Gross supreme outside-guard.

Meet Next in Philly

The Galilean Fishermen raised approximately $1000, during the past 2 years, through its various tabernacles. The next meeting will be in Philadelphia, in 1940.

Speakers at the public meeting on Monday, were:

Flora Dixon, Mr. Kess, the Rev. J. J. Barnes, J. H. Payne Sam Smith, William G. Price George A. Watty, L. Olivia Dorsey, Jennie B. Lee;

Mesdames Ruth Barnes, Henrietta G. Jenkins, Mildred Watkins, S. J. Gaskins, and the R. F Coates Choral.

Edward N. Wilson, registral a Morgan College, substituted fo Governor Nice, and Mayor Howard W. Jacson sent a telegram.

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Grand United Order of Moses.

Dr. Charles H. Wesley Urges Belief In Self

Fraternal Orders Praised at Annual Meeting

BY A. T. WHITE, JR.
Staff Correspondent
(Pictures on Page 16)

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE Va.—The grand parade and an address by Dr. Charles H. Wesley were the features of the 34th annual gathering oft he Grand United Order of Moses, Inc., held here last week.

Dr. Wesley spoke Thursday on the subject, "Marching Forward." He said that "Negroes must develop a belief in themselves in order to overcome the many national, racial, and industrial problems that confront them." "We must believe in our American heritage, and our African background if we are to believe in ourselves," said Dr. Wesley, a noted member of the Howard University faculty.

In addtion to believing in one's self, Dr. Wesley advised that the pioneer spirit be developed, and that each person prepare his inner self. He urged that the race study the cooperative movement more.

FARM POLICY HIT

During his address, Dr. Wesley scored several of the New Deal policies. He said that industry is obsessed with the profit urge, instead of production for comfort. Attention was called to the policy of the government in making farmers plow under every third row of cotton in order that the price might be boosted, when at the same time millions of people needed clothes.

"The Negro," said D. Wesley, "is the largest consuming and non-producing group in the world. We can change this condition if we will believe in ourselves and have faith in God."

The Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, right worthy grand leader of the order, preceded Dr. Wesley with his annual address. Rev. Mr. Jeffress said, "To succeed one must have faith in God, faith in self, and faith in his race."

ROLE OF FRATERNALS

"American life has been greatly helped by fraternal benefit societies," added Rev. Mr. Jeffress. He said "fraternal societies teach citizenship, patriotism and charity, which after all is true democracy. The order of Moses can rightfully hold its head high, because it has achieved all of these. We go forward to make better homes, better health, better citizens, and a better social order, and in doing this we teach teamwork, which is so vitally necessary."

Mrs. M. A. Ragsdale, right worthy grand secretary, also made her annual address on Thursday.

Other events on Thursday's program included brief talks W. H. Henderson, newly-appointed assistant field secretary of the Negro Organization Society, and T. C. Walker, consultant on Negro affairs for the WPA in Virginia.

Doctors Horace C. Scott and J. Maxwell Allen spoke at the night session. Dr. Scott's subject was, "The Need of Health Education Among Negroes," and Dr. Allen's subject was, "The Effect of a Diseased Mouth on General Health."

The 34th annual session of the Grand United Order of Moses began its sessions Tuesday night with visitors night. This event was begun six years ago by Mrs. Zena Jeffress, wife of Rev. Mr. Jeffress. More than 500 white friends from neighboring towns, and 250 delegates crowded into the large auditorium of Moses Hall to witness the program.

Greetings were extended by Colonel William Kemper, executive assistant to Governor Price; Senator Charles Moses, af Appomatox; George W. Bowles, state commissioner of banking and insurance, Richmond; W. G. Williams Charlotte Court House; B. S. Ginther, Brookneal; Dr. R. L. McNair and R. P. Morton, Charlotte Court House.

Colonel Kemper, during his address, said: "Cooperation between the races is desirable for the development of the state." He lauded the Order of Moses and its founder for the influence it wielded in the community and state toward the realization of its desired end. Mr. Bowles, representing the insurance department, commended the service the order was rendering to the Negro people through insurance protection, and the efficient leadership of the officers.

William Cooper, director, extension department, Hampton Institute, responded to the greetings. He said: "The South must continue its program for the benefit of all people."

A musical program by an all-collegiate glee club and the Lucky Blind Four, blind quartet from Richmond, furnished music for the evening. Several well known spirituals were sung, with Misses Ruby Jeffress, Hassie Hamlette, Elsie Wilson, and Mrs. D. E. Ragsdale as soloists. Several readings of Dunbar's poems were given by Miss Vanessa Reed. Mrs. Altona Trent Johns, was accompanist, and Mrs. Jeffress was mistress of ceremonies.

Makes 16 Trips Across Country

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, Va.—Long distance travel honors to the annual gathering of the Grand United Order of Moses, go to Mrs. Elizabeth J. Curtis of Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Curtis, a former resident of Charlotte Court House, has made the trip to the annual convention every other year for the past 36 years.

Since Mrs. Curtis has been in California she has accumulated much property. She also has extensive real estate holdings in New Jersey and Virginia. Mrs. Curtis, says that she likes to make the trip back home to see her many friends and that she will continue to make them as long as she lives.

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NEGRO ORGANIZATION BUILDS FROM A 50-CENT BEGINNING

EDITORS NOTE — The Negro Race is advancing—For the benefit of the many colored readers of the Bassett Journal, we are herewith publishing an article that appeared in the Charlotte Gazette, a publication owned and published by a brother of the Editor of The Bassett Journal. Having known and had business transaction with the Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, the founder of The Order of Moses, we think it nothing but fair to our colored readers that we give them all the publicity possible, and by this means make them better citizens. However, the annual gathering of the order of Moses was held August the 30th we are reprinting the whole story, to show what can be done towards avancing the colored race. The story follows:

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"Visitors' Night" For Whites

At the opening session Tuesday evening, Aug. 30, beginning at 8 o'clock, the doors of the huge auditorium are thrown open to white people at what is known as "visitors' night," and as heretofore has been the custom none other than whites are invited, although there will be present some of the outstanding members of the colored race.

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(Staff Correspondence)

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, Va.—All officers were unanimously reelected at the executive session of the Grand United Order of Moses here last Wednesday. Also at this session reports were heard from delegates to the convention. At the afternoon session Mrs. Lena P. Allen gave the welcome address.

The juvenile hour, an annual feature of the convention, was conducted by Mrs. M. A. Ragsdale, right worthy senior mother.

Dr. M. A. Foster, right worthy grand vice leader, delivered the annual sermon at the evening ses-

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sion. D. F. Rayne, prominent merchant, gave a brief address on the value of business. He said that business will be the salvation of the race. His formula for success in business is: "keep a cool head at all times, work hard and stay on the job."

Grand officers re-elected were: the Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, right worthy grand leader; the Rev. M. A. Foster, right worthy grand vice leader; Mrs. Zena Jeffress, right worthy grand leaderess; Mrs. M. A. Ragsdale, right worthy grand secretary; D. M. Ragsdale, right worthy grand treasurer; I. C. Barrett, right worthy grand H. P.; S. L. Barrett, right worthy grand guide.

The convention closed its session Friday with reports from all committees, and a memorial service for departed members.

The Grand Order of Moses was organized in 1904 by Rev. Mr. Jeffress. His capital at that time was a fifty-cent piece with which he purchased stationary. His original investment has grown into an organization which boasts 28,000 members, and does business in seven states.

The home office of the order is here and from its first office under a tree it has grown into a plant of several buildings. These buildings include a brick two story meeting hall, an office building, and an apartment building. The order also has extensive real estate holdings in farms and home sites.

Since its organization the order has paid $190,500 in death claims and $184,000 in sick benefit claims. Last year the order paid $8,900 in death claims alone.

12,000 Witness United Order Moses Parade

(Staff Correspondence)

(Pictures on Page 16)

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE Va.—Last Thursday was a holiday for the folks down this way. The annual grand parade of the Grand United Order of Moses was to be held. Tobacco-curing, hay-cutting and the many farm chores, were were dropped for the day and everybody from the surrounding territory converged on this peaceful little town for one big day of hilarious fun.

Early in the morning people began to literally pour into the town. Some came in shiny new cars, others came in model T's, while some chose to ride in the school bus, and others in trucks on improvised seats. The object was to get to Charlotte Court House for the "big parade."

The parade got underway shortly after noon headed by a police escort. This was followed by the juvenile drum and bugle corps of the Danville American Legion. The delegates were next in the procession, and last but not least, was the queen of the parade, Mrs. Nina B. Ford, of Philadelphia, on a beautiful float surrounded by a bevy of charming attendants.

DRUM CORPS STEAL PARADE

The parade marched up to the mounment and back. All along the line of march the road was lined with thousands and thousands of people. Again this year, the drum and bugle corps stole the parade, but it was hard pushed for first honors by the float, which was acclaimed by all as the best yet.

It was estimated by some of the ole timers' that the crowd that witnessed the parade was in the neighborhood of 12,000, which makes it he largest crowd in the history of he annual gathering.

Many friends who had not seen each other for a year exchanged greetings and treated one another at one of the many stands. There were about 30 of these eating places where you could have your choice of hot dogs, fish, country ham, fried chicken, lemonade or soda pop.

It seemed that every one had to have a picture of himself and his best girl to take back home. To supply these wants there were about a dozen itinerant photographers who did a rushing business all day.

In spite of all the hilarity and fun-making the crowd was very well behaved. The sheriff reported that he did not make a single arrest on the grounds, and that any rumors to the contrary were false.

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Independent Order of St. Luke.

St. Luke Order Begins 72nd Year In Healthy Condition

Firm Stable Says Deputy In Washington

Explains Why Monthly Dues Increased

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AN)—The Independent Order Of St Luke, one of the oldest and best known organizations of its kind in the country, entering upon the 72nd year of operation, is in a flourishing condition. "It is a safe investment for our people," says J. Willis Williamston, district deputy of Washington, D. C.

The order has survived every depression from the Civil war and is passing through the present recession "with its colors floating in the breeze.' From the report recently made known, the order is able to meet its obligations promptly. It has more than three and a half million dollars worth of insurance in force. Its assets amount to $450,000 in cash, stocks, bonds and real estate, and it has paid out more than two and a half million dollars in death claims.

Explaining why the Independent Order of St. Luke had found it necessary (along with other fraternal organizations) to increase the monthly dues of a small percentage of its policy holders, District Deputy Williamson stated that this was done in order to safeguard the economic security of the order. "No enormous sums have been paid out indiscriminately in salaries of the grand lodge officers," he said. It was stated in addition that the salaries of the grand lodge officers are small in comparison with those of other organization functioning of other organizations functioning

ORDER HAS CONFIDENCE

The bureau of insurance, for the state of Virginia, at Richmond, has given the Independent Order of St. Luke a clean bill of health. It is a part of the state government to have general supervision over all fraternal organizations as well as insurance companies operating throughout the state of Virginia.

Expert actuaries of the insurance department investigated the affairs of the order and found out that the order was actually paying out in death claims more money and receiving less in return than any other organization of its kind operating in the state, and determining that it could not successfully operate on that basis ordered in increase in monthly dues of policy holders in certain classes. This became operative in November, 1937.

The order is stronger today than it has been during any year of the depression and the rating that it has received recently from the insurance commission is that it is 111.48 per cent solvent, which is a very high rating and places the order in the front rank of the great insurance companies of the country.

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Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver.

LA. CATHOLIC ORDER TO HOLD CONVENTION AT LAFAYETTE

PLAQUEMINE, La., July 15—The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, a national fraternal benefit society composed of Race Catholics, will hold their biennial convention at Lafayette, La., August 1-4.

The announcement was made here this week by Louis Israel, supreme knight of the organization.

Lafayette, located in the center of what is sometimes called the Catholic Belt, is the hub city of Claver activities and a large delegation is anticipated for the meeting.

Founded by Alabaman

The Knights of Peter Claver had its origin in the mind of Gilbert Faustina, prominent business man layman of Mobile, Ala., who with their co-founders of the order established the first council in that city, July 7, 1909.

Mr. Faustina served as national head of the order until 1926, and is now its national treasurer.

Louis Israel, the precent supreme knight, was elevated to that post in 1926 because of his outstanding work in building the order in the state of Louisiana while serving as state deputy.

In the same year the ladies auxiliary was established with Mrs. M. L. Lunnon, Houston, Texas, as the first supreme lady. She was succeeded by Mrs. A. R. Aubrey, Algiers.

Becomes Nation-Wide

Under the direction of these Catholic lay leaders the work of the organization has grown and spread to every center of Catholic action among the Race in the country.

Notwithstanding the past depression and recent recession the organization enjoys a large membership and a very healthy financial condition.

The annual reports of the national officers for the physical year ending June 30, show that both orders have discharged all of their outstanding claims and have a neat sum in their reserve funds.

Some of Officers

Other national officers are: Alphonse Pierre Auguste, Opelousas, deputy supreme knight; Joseph F. Glapion, New Orleans, secretary; Dr. C. C. Taydel, New Orleans, national physician Frank Trenier, Mobile, Ala., charter member; George L. Rieras, New Orleans, editor; Edward LaSalle, Kansas City, Kans. state deputy, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois and Missouri; Rev. J. A. Lally S. S. J., Port Arthur, Texas, chaplain; Alex Herman, Mobile, Ala. state deputy Alabama and Mississippi; Theodore E. Carriere, Opelousas state deputy Louisiana; Henry T. Green, Houston, Texas, state deputy Texas and A. P. Tureaud, New Orleans, La., national advocate.

Women's division: Mrs. Eva Rieras, New Orleans, vice supreme lady; Mrs. L. E. Jones, Galvestor Texas, secretary; Mrs. Clotile Williams, Mobile, Ala., treasurer; Mrs. M. L. Lunnon, Houston, Texas, past supreme lady, and state deputy of Texas; Mrs. L. A. Toussant, Lafayette, state deputy Louisiana; Mrs. Naomi Maurice, Bay St. Louis, Miss. state deputy, Mississippi; Mrs. Lillian M. Crocker, New Orleans, associate editor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, counseler Junior Daughters.

Lafayette In Readiness For Clavers Meet

LAFAYETTE, July 29—More than 2000 delegates and visitors, from 14 states are expected here August 1-4 for the biennial convention of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver.

The four-day meeting will get underway Monday with mass celebrated at St. Paul church. The national board of directors will convene immediately after mass.

The public welcoming program featuring many outstanding members of the clergy and lay leaders as speakers, with music by local talent, will be held in the evening. The day's activities will close Monday night with a get acquainted social and dance.

The remaining three days will be devoted to the business of the convention. The men will hold their sessions at St. Paul auditorium while the women will hold forth at Good Hope hall.

Louis Israel, supreme knight, and Mrs. A. R. Aubry, supreme lady, will preside over the men and women divisions, respectively. Each day's session will open with the celebration of mass, alternating between St. Paul and Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes.

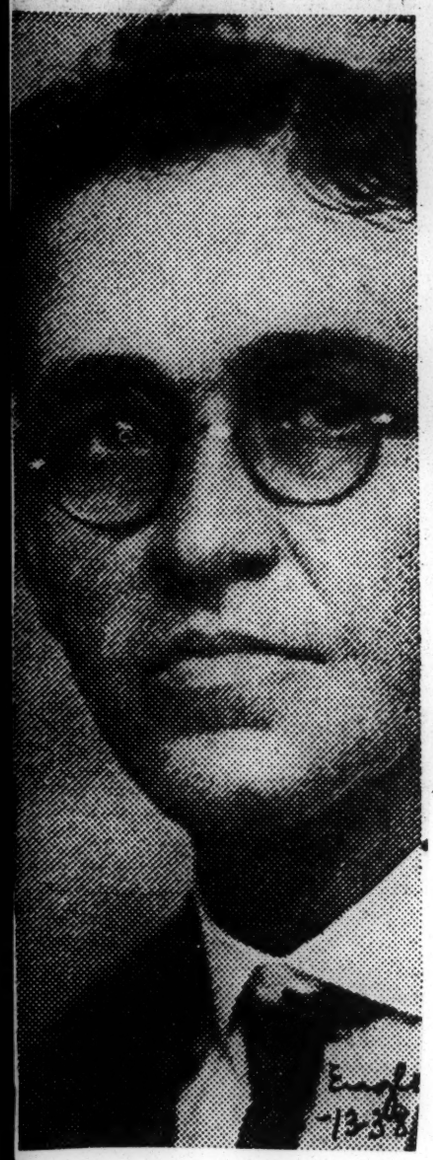
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Arrangements have been made for the delegation to visit Holy Rosary Institute, an institution for the religious and industrial training of Race children.

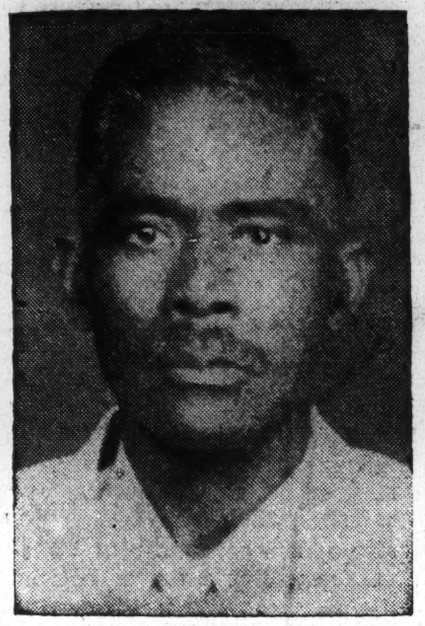
According to information received here from Gilbert Faustina, Mobile Ala., supreme navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly, this department of the order will hold its annual session and initiation on Tuesday night.

The Fourth Degree Assembly is composed of Knights of Peter Claver who have been in the order more than four years and who have contributed some outstanding work to their parish.

LEADERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER









Leaders who were active in contributing to the success of the recent convention of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, a Catholic organization, which was recently held at Lafayette, La. Left to right: Louis M. Lagarde, supreme knight; Mrs. A. R. Aubry, supreme lady; Alphonse P. Auguste, vice supreme knight, and Mrs. Eva M. Rieras, vice supreme lady.

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Knights of Pythias.

POTENTATE



L. E. Kinchion, 38-year-old Imperial Potentate of the Knights of Omar, of the United States, an auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias in the country, was honored by fellow citizens in Texas last Tuesday at Dallas as the first native Texan to hold this national position. He is secretary to his father, L. E. Kinchion, Sr., grand chancellor of the K. of P. in Texas and has studied at the University of Pittsburgh, Wiley college and Paul Quinn college.

Rival Pythian Organizations, Who Split 50 Years Ago, Merge

Bury Hatchet at Lynn, Mass., as Supreme Chancellor Watkins Wields Gavel.

LYNN, Mass., July 28—(ANP)—Ending a schism in Knights of Pythias ranks that dates back 50 years, Pythians of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres last week merged with the Pythians of North America, and both organizations ratified the unification as did Supreme Chancellor A. T. Watkins of Chicago, who was in Lynn in connection with Grand Lodge visitations.

Outstanding feature of the long-awaited merger was the presence at the conference of Lewis Williams and Jessie Hayes of Boston, who, 50 years ago, advocated that the Order remain as Knights of Pythias of North America, etc., and withdrew from the parent body and helped form the Eastern and Western Hemisphere division. All three of the aged Pythians were given a rousing ovation as the hatchet was buried and unification effected.

Depression Hits Bodies

It has long been known that Negro fraternal bodies have been hard hit since the 1929 depression decimated the membership in all lodges, Pythians included, and many members present at the merger freely predicted immediate increases in Pythian membership as a result of the consolidation.

The unification, it was explained, included all male and female branches and departments of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere branch and the K. of P., of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. K. of P. grand chancellor of North America is Theophilus N. Nunes and the vice grand chancellor is Frederick W. Riggs. Further adjustment of officers will be made in the near future.

In the Courts of Calanthe, Mrs. Josephine Hayes is grand worthy counsellor and Mrs. Alfreda Whitley is vice grand worthy inspectrix. The full corps of officers will be anounced when completed. The Esatern and Western branch was formerly headed by Ashbie Hawkins of Baltimore.

To Take Inventory

Assets of the combined order will not be known until a complete inventory has been made. The next place of meeting will be Hartford, Conn. The Courts of Calanthe were represented by Alfreda K. Whitley, Bessie Simmons, Sarah Stratman, Winefred William, Cora Alden, Catherine Manning, supreme protector.

The joint committee effecting the merger was composed of Grand Chancellor Nunes; George W. Williams, grand keeper of records and seals and supreme outer guard; Dr. Walter O. Taylor, supreme representative; Johnson W Will, John B. Scott, Freeman A. Perkins, brigadier general; J. S. Bourne, Dr. Luke M. Holmes, grand medical register; James G. Wolf and Roy F. Teixeira of Massachusetts of the North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia and Fred W. Riggs, Elmer J. Puello of Massachusetts; C. W. Custus of Connecticut; Sir Carty and Thomas H. Brown of Rhode Island of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere.

Danville, Va., Bee
November 18, 1938

Negro Pythians In District Meet

A matter of interest to the negro Pythians of Danville and vicinity was the district meeting held here last night. The Grand Chancellor Wm. H. Brown of Bristol was here as well as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Stanhope Lacy, also of Bristol. The rehabilitatioin of the order in Virginia and the vacation of the receivership is the main objective of awakened activities.

Next Thursday night a meeting of the local negro Pythians will be held when a lodge of 100 members will be launched. Another district meeting is planned to be held in Martinsville in December. The High Street Baptist church has called to its pastorate the Rev. Wm. McKinley Wyatt A. B. B. D. of Salisbury, N. C. The Baptist Sunday school union will hold its next monthly meeting at the Mount Olive Baptist church the fourth Sunday afternoon in November. The Rev. A. R. Van Landingham D. D. pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist church will discuss the subject—God's Way of Running the Church, at the next meeting of the Baptist Conference, November 28th.

Are KP's Merged? Yes and No

New Englanders Say Unification's a Rumor

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News of the merger was made public, following reported ratification of the plan by both organizations and by Supreme Chancellors Martin and Watkins. The latter was present at the Lynn meeting, in connection with his grand lodge visitations. Divergent views of the heads of the rival groups have occasioned widespread discussion among members of the two organizations.

Martin Speaks

The statement of Supreme Chancellor William H. Martin, Eastern and Western Hemispheres, sent out from his office in Springfield, Mass., says in part:

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"The attempted action of the district grand lodge and grand court of New England to vote to consolidate with the Alphabetical Pythians was beyond any right or power conferred or possessed by it, and is illegal and void.

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Knights of Pythias

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"As this statement is incorrect and false, (and it is not intended to imply that your paper made the false statements of its own accord), and as it is my desire to fully advise all of our members, and those of the general public who may be interested, as to the true situation, I will thank you to please give equal publicity to the following statement.

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PYTHIAN TEMPLE IN LOUISIANA IS SAVED BY RFC LOAN

Edifice, Once Thought Lost, Redeemed From Receivership With $56,000

New Orleans, La., Grand Chancellor, S. W. Green of the Knights of Pythians of Louisiana announces that the Mortgage Company of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has approved of the $56,324 loan on the Pythian Temple located in the heart of the commercial district in New Orleans, La., Corner Gravier and Saratoga Sts. Because of this loan the receivership will be dismissed and the property turned over in the hands of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge. This building was constructed at a cost of more than $300,000. The bulk of the claims against this property are those members entitled to endowment benefits.

Grand Chancellor Green says the loan is enough to give these creditors 50 per cent of their claims and to cover receivership and other cost. He adds that this will enable the Grand Lodge to carry on with a good prospect of coming out of debt and an improvement in general conditions, thus giving the creditors a chance of collecting the rest of their claims on a second mortgage. The building is at present leased to the Charity Hospital for the housing of patients during the construction of the Hospital's new building. It is expected that the hospital will have the lease for another year. The officers and members of the Order are enthusiastic at the turn of affairs and expects to rebuild the organization through reinstating of old members and addition of new members. Sufficient applications have been received for rental of office and store space when the building is returned to the Order. It was through agreement of Negro professional men and other business enterprises to take space in the building that secured to the Order the loan through the Reconstruction Finance Company as it gave to them assurance that the loan could be repaid. The Attorneys that secured the loan for the Pythians are A. T. Walden, Grand Attorney of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias for the State of Georgia, Hon. A. B. Hammond of New Orleans (white) and through the assistance of Mr. Marshall Ballard, Sr., Editor of a white daily, The Item Tribune.

Sir S. W. Green became a member of the organization July 17, 1883 when the Order was in its infancy. He was a charter member of Pride of Tensas Lodge No. 21, St. Joseph, La. In 1886 he was sent as Grand Representative from his lodge and immediately upon entering the Grand Lodge his ability to handle finances commence to show itself and in May 1884 he was elected to a position of Grand Master of Finance. He was elected to the position of Grand Chancellor of Louisiana in May 1892 served until 1897 and declined reelection. In April 1899 he was again elected to the position of Grand Chancellor and since the date of his first election he has been unanimously elected to the position each year. In the year 1906 the surplus in the endowment fund had reached such a large sum and was growing all the time until the Lodge decided to invest it. Accordingly in 1906 at the Grand Lodge session in Alexandria, La., Grand Chancellor Green recommended that the Grand Lodge State of Louisiana erect a Pythian Temple, hence an appropriation of $12,000 was made by the Grand Lodge for the purchase of this site upon which the Pythian Temple now stands.

Columbia, S. C. State
December 17, 1938

Negro Masons End Meeting

Reports from all committees were adopted in the last day's session of the Negro Grand Communication of Free and Accepted Masons which closed here Wednesday evening.

The trustees report evoked considerable discussion led by W. H. Hampton of Union. Others taking part in the discussion were Prof. S. L. Finly of Chester, G. C. Williams of Newberry and Prince Riley of Rock Hill. Finally the report was adopted with recommendations to be enforced by members of the board.

The report on education read by Prof. T. L. Duckett of Columbia was approved by the grand lodge. Other reports read by chairman and adopted were on credentials by J. E. Dickson; auditing, S. J. Poinsette; warrants, Earnest Kohn; charity, Dr J. M. Beaty; by laws, the Rev. L. S Coleman; jurisprudence, Dr. J. A. McCarnell; mileage, W. H. Hampton; temperance, the Rev. F. R. Blanchard and on appeals and grievances, Thomas L. Las Saine.

The committee on resolutions composed of W. A. Gladden, D. R. Murphy and R. W. Kennedy expressed the grand lodge's sincere thanks to the authorities of Columbia for courtesy cards for their automobiles and for police escort to its Grand Lodge of Sorrow at Bethel church. The committee further expressed its appreciation of J. S. Standback for his impartial rulings, Bishop J. S. Flipper D. D. of Atlanta for his profound message to the Grand Lodge of Sorrow, and to J. W. Dobbs grand master of Georgia for his inspiring address. And finally to Dr. W. B. L. Clark pastor and the choir of his church.

With J. W. Dobbs grand master of Georgia's jurisdiction presiding the annual election of grand lodge officers was as follows: Re-elected Grand Master J. S. Standback of Chester, deputy grand master, S. A Moore of Winnsboro; grand senior warden, the Rev J. J. Harrison of Columbia; grand junior warden Prince Riley of Rock Hill; grand secretary, J. E. Dickson of Columbia grand treasurer, John Eve of Barnwell; grand chaplain, the Rev. E Philip Ellis of Charleston; and grand tyler, H. B. Butler of Newberry.

Appointive officers are Dr. D. J Dixson, grand assistant secretary; Carnes of Spartanburg, grand lecturer; assistant grand lecturer, J. C. Channell; senior grand deacon, the Rev. F. R. Blanchard; junior grand deacon, F. G. Washington; senior grand steward, T. F. Brewer; junior grand pursuivant, R. J. Miller, and Prof. C. A. Lawson, foreign correspondence.

District deputy grand master, first district, S. J. Poinsett and D. J. Dixson; second district, L. A. Ginn and J. A. McConnell; third district, F. G Washington and H. B. Butler: fourth district, A. M. Moore; fifth district J. C. White and sixth district, G. W Howard and F. B. Cain.

Trustees whose terms were unexpired are Prof. S. L. Finly, J. B. Lewie, W. H. Hampton and G. C. Wililams.

Dr. D. J. Dixson, read the report on grand master's address and the report adopted by John Eve, chairman of the committee on time and place made Columbia the seat of the 1939 annual grand communication.

Columbia, S. C. State
December 18, 1938

Negro Masons Convene Today

The 71st annual communication of Negro Free and Accepted Mason of South Carolina will be held in Columbia at 10 o'clock this morning with J. S. Standback of Chester, grand master of the state, presiding. He will be assisted by J. W. Dobbs, grand master of the Georgia, during the two day sessions.

It has been two years since this meeting was held in Columbia. Last year it met in Cahrleston and in Spartanburg, the year before. J. B. Levie who is in charge of arrangements together with members of the lodges of Columbia have announced that everything is in readiness for the entertainment of all grand officers and representatives, estimated to be the largest number in many years.

All of the daily sessions will be held in the Negro Masonic temple.

Following the fraternal ritualistic ceremonies, grand chaplain.

Any number of Masons will be delighted to see J. S. Stanback grand master at this grand session. He was not present at the session held in Charleston last year because of illness. J. E. Dickson, grand secretary said that his report to the grand communication will be the best in its history.

The grand lodge of sorrow will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church in charge of the Rev. E. Philip Ellis who has outlined a unique program for the occasion.

Bishop J. S. Flipper, D. D. of Atanta and head of the African Methodist Episcopal church in this state will preach the memorial sermon. Not only Masons, but persons from all sections of the state togather with the entire citizenry are invited to witness the Grand Lodge of Sorrow. It will be the first time in the history or the order that a bishop will preach on such an ocasion.

Among other speakers at this service will be Dr. T. L. Duckett of Benedict college, the Rev. F. R. Blanchard of Charleston. Dr. D. J. Dixon of Barnwell and the Rev. J. J. Harrison of Columbia. Music will be furnished by the church choir.

Durham, N. C., Morning Herald
December 16, 1938

DR. SHEPARD NAMED NEGRO MASON HEAD

President Of N. C. C. N. Elected Grand Master At Meeting In Kinston

Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the North Carolina College for Negroes, was named grand master of North Carolina Negro Masons at the order's 68th meeting held in Kinston Wednesday. Other officers elected were: W. T. Wallace, of Greensboro, grand secretary; G. A. Moore, of New Bern, grand treasurer; A. E. Jackson, of Wilmington, grand senior warden, and Jesse Williams, of Walstonburg, grand junior warden.

The lodge unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the leadership of Dr. Shepard and congratulated him on his stand on educational, civic and all other matters pertaining to the uplift of the race.

Dr. Shepard announced that appointive officers will be named in January. The next session of the grand lodge will be held in Chapel Hill.

The lodge voted to donate $4,000 to families of deceased Masons out of the benevolent fund.

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MASONIC RANK 13 GET HIGHEST

PHILADELPHIA—Shortly after Dr. Sumner A. Furniss of Indianapolis, was re-elected sovereign grand commander, thirteen candidates received the honorary thirty-third degree at the nineteenth tri-ennial session of the United Supreme Council A. and A.S.R. Masons at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Tuesday.

The elevation near the close of the three-day session marked the fifty-seventh annual conclave. Williard Allen of Baltimore, James A. Jackson of New York, James T. Beason of Washington, D.C., and Morton Chase of Baltimore, were approved as honorary members of the nothern jurisdiction of the supreme council.

Others Elected

The other officers re-elected for the council were:

George W. Crawford, New Haven, Conn., Lieutenant grand commander; J. E. White, Chicago, minister of state; Dr. Conwell Banton, Wilmington Delaware secretary general; William A. Heathman, Providence, R.I., treasurer general, Harry Knight, Philadelphia, recording secretary general.

Those who received the honorary thirty-third degree at the Monday evening session were:

Virgil E. Jacobs, Columbus, O.; Alonzo W. Baker, Jersey City, N.J.; John H. Morton, Cleveland, O.; Earl B. White, Chicago; William E. Terrel, Stamford, Conn.; J. T. Miles, Lawrence, Kansas; Breckenridge Crittenden, Cincinnati, O.; Bayard Thomas, New Brunswick, N. J.; Charles E. Minor, Newport, R.I.; Erwin D. Williams, Robert L. Troutman, Chicago; C. P. Smith, Marion, Ind.; and William H. Towers.

Holds Memorial

The session was officially opened Sunday afternoon with a conference of deputies and officers. Shortly afterwards, memorial services were conducted in the consistorial chamber for Robert L. Harris, Alfred Robinson, Dr. St. Elmo Davenport, Charles Foreman, Thomas H. Williams, Ulysses O. Moffett, and John W. Parker.

Harry E. Davis, Cleveland attorney and former member of the Ohio Legislature, gave the anniversary address commemorating the origin of Scottish Rite Masonry in Philadelphia in 1850, and the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the present cathedral at Fitzwater and Moles Streets. The speaker stressed the need for unity among all fraternities.

Known as Author

A student of Masonry for twenty-five years, Davis is the author of the history of Prince Hall Masonry in the United States. Lauding the accomplishments of the organization, he pointed out the respect that can be commanded by co-operation.

The business session opened Monday morning followed by the allocution address by Dr. Furniss. James A. Jackson and Willard Allen outstanding masonic officials. outlined facts relative to the part that Masons can play in all fields of activities.

Guests Honored

Guests to convention were honored at a re-union smoker given by the David Leary Class of 1928. The concluding session on Tuesday was devoted to a business meeting of officers followed by a round table discussion at which Clarence Smith of Indianapolis, H. M. Cox of Chicago. Conwell Banton of Wilmington, Del., George Marshall of New York and George W. Crawford of New Haven spoke.

OLDEST ACTIVE MASON BOASTS GREAT LINEAGE

Forbears Served Under Washington, Jackson; He Is Now 96

PHILADELPHIA, May 20—Attending the fifty-seventh annual session of the United Supreme Council A. and A. S. R., here, May 8 to 10 was James H. Lewis, of Western Consistory, Chicago, believed to be the oldest active Mason in the United States.

Mr. Lewis is 96 years of age but still walks erect and is under no impairment of vision or speech. For 79 years he has been a member of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church choir in Chicago.

His grandfather was at Valley Forge as a soldier under General Washington; his father served in the War of 1812 under General Jackson at New Orleans, and Lewis was a soldier with General Grant at Vicksburg. He was made a Mason in 1867 in North Star lodge

Re-Elected As Head Of Shriners

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 25— In one of their most successful sessions in years the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and their auxiliaries unanimously re-elected for his fourth term John H. Murphy, Sr., of Baltimore, Imperial Potentate of the Shriners and Daughter T. Carter Brown of St. Louis, Mo., was re-elected unanimously also to the position of Imperial Commandress of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis.

New York City will be the site of the next convention, the date and place having been set at the biennial meeting of Knights of Templar last year. This was the thirty-eighth session of the Nobles.

Job Creation Urged Before Masons Meet

HAMPTON, Va. — The seventeenth triennial session of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Masons was held at the First Baptist Church and the Masonic Temple, Sunday-Tuesday, inclusive, with Grand Commander W. W. Allen of Baltimore, presiding.

Memorial services were held on Sunday evening, with the Harry T. Burleigh Glee Club participating. The sermon was by the grand prior, the Rev. W. S. Jackson. George W. Clarke extended the welcome for the church; L. E. Wilson for the city.

Job Creation Urged

In an allocution before the council, Monday, Grand Commander Allen counseled the body to battle continuously to create business institutions for the employment of colored youth; recommended that the body finance scholarships in several colleges; complimented the NAACP, and the colored press for their achievements.

Following the allocution and reports of the secretary general, J. T. Beason, the council received Dr. Arthur Howe, president of Hampton Institute.

Nine Get Highest Degree

Later, nine thirty-second degree Masons were initiated into the thirty-third degree as follows:

W. C. Padre, James E. Bell, Jr., Arthur P. Mack, T. K. Anderson, P. T. Alston, the Rev. James J. Barnes, W. C. Charity, D. A. Brown, and J. E. Dickson.

Fraternal Greetings

Fraternal greetings were given the council by:

Leland G. French, Cleveland, special representative of S. N. Furniss, grand commander of the Northern Jurisdiction; L. W. Roy, grand master of Washington Masons; John W. Dobbs, grand master of Georgia, and John H. Murphy, Jr., imperial potentate of the Shriners.

The supreme council was entertained by President Howe Monday evening at his home.

Members Present

Active members present at the session were:

Cicero A. Lee, W. M. Edwards, James S. Carper, Henry A. Brown, J. W. Dobbs, J. W. Barnes, B. F. Arrington, P. M. Chase, J. T. Beason, John L. Webb, Isaac M. Carper, G. H. Fitzhugh, James A. Jackson, and David Alston.

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Hiram, Baltimore: A. S. Stanley, S. D. Hayward, C. M. Lawrence, Joshua Robinson, Alfred Nixon, T. E. Kelson, W. A. Jones, J. T. Bolden, J. J. Barnes; W. S. Jackson, Hagerstown; P. T. Wilson, Salisbury;

Alpha and Omega, Norfolk: Phillip Jarvis, Herbert Russell, the Rev. L. L. Berry, and W. H. Charity;

Richmond, Richmond: C. F. Cunningham, the Rev. A. C. Coleman, the Rev. W. L. Ransome, and Dr. J. H. Blackwell, grand master;

Kanawha, Charleston, W.Va.: Isaac M. and James S. Carper; Fidelity, Belleville, Va.: Bishop H. Z. Plummer; J. W. Kirby, Hampton, J. E. Bell; Atlanta, Atlanta: John W. Dobbs; Traveling, Tupelo, Miss.: J. L. Webb, grand master; Washington, Tuskegee: Arthur P. Mack and W. H. Carter.

Shriners Open Colorful Convention In Richmond

Fezzes Dot Town As Men, Women Arrive

(Staff Correspondence)

RICHMOND, Va.—One of the most colorful events in recent Richmond history got under way here Monday morning when from 600 to 700 Shriners moved into town for the 28th annual session of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to last through Wednesday, August 17. Mocha Temple No. 7, is host to the convention.

Meeting in conjunction with the Shriners is the 18th annual session of the Imperial Court, Daughters of Isis. The event has attracted more than a thousand visitors.

The sessions are being held in the auditorium of the Armstrong Wednesday night at 9 p. m.

PUBLIC RECEPTION

Fezzes galore dotted the town beginning Sunday when early arivals came in on trains and in cars to join in the festivities of these colorful fraternal organizations. Chief fez was that worn by United States Public Health Hospital, Tanners Creek, but was removed to his home a little more than two weeks ago when it was thought that he was improving.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rose Newby Johnson; mother, Mrs. Rosa Everett; sister, Mrs. Annie Woodyard; both of Dinwiddie; brother, William Johnson of Norfolk; and two daughters, Missia Rosa Johnson and Mrs. Catherine Simmons, both of Dinwiddie, Va. Colden Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

of the Mystic Shrine and the twenty-eighth annual business session of the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis, got under way Monday morning, with Malcolm Bridges, white, of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, representing Gov. James H. Price, delivering a welcome on behalf of the State.

In addressing the group, he said, "The Old Dominion has contributed its share of colored men to the nation and I feel that the visiting delegates are worthy of a most hearty welcome to the hospitality of Virginia."

Lauds Citizens

W. C. Carpenter, white, president of the city council, who welcomed the delegates to the city in the absence of Mayor J. Fulmer Bright, paid a tribute to the colored residents of Richmond.

Many Others Spoke

Other addesses of welcome were delivered by:

Callom B. Jones, white, on behalf of Acca Temple; J. H. Blackwell, deputy grand master of Virginia, for the Virginia lodges; Past Imperial Potentate Jacob F. Wright, for the Virginia temples, and Past Commandress Mrs. Lelia Coleman, for the Daughters of Isis.

Mrs. Stockton Responded

Responses to the addresses of welcome were made by Past Imperial Commandress Sallie M Stockton, representing the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis, and Noble Ray Hughes for the Imperial Council.

The Shrine Chanters sang four musical numbers; Miss Florence Smith, a vocal solo.



JOHN H. MURPHY, Jr.

Murphy Again Heads Shriners

RICHMOND

John H. Murphy, Jr, of Baltimore was unanimously re-elected imperial potentate of the Shriners Tuesday.

RICHMOND — The thirty-eighth annual business session of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles

Texas Masons Offer $500 Scholarships

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 9—Scholarship awards of $500 will be given to college students of high scholastic attainment by the Most Worshipful grand lodge of the Masonic order it was announced this week by Grand Master S. C. Marshall, who is encouraging an increased interest in humanitarian activities.

Mr. Marshall has appointed Prof M. J. Anderson of Samuel Huston college, Austin, as chairman of the educational scholarship fund.

Mack Becomes New Member Of Supreme Council

CAPAHOSIC, Va.—According to official announcement of the Masonic Lodge, A. P. Mack, veteran instructor of Tuskegee Institute, has been made a member of the United Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree in Masonry.

This honor was conferred upon him in Hampton, a few miles from Capahosic, the home of Dr. R. R. Moton, president emeritus of Tuskegee Institute, where the tutor and fraternal leader was honored guest.

In his home town, Tuskegee, Mr. Mack is the All Potentate of Shriners, Commander-in-chief of the Booker T. Washington Lodge, The High Priest of Royal Arch Mason, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama, Deputy of the 7th Department in Alabama, Master of Louis Adams, Masonic Lodge, located in Tuskegee Institute, Executive Vice-president of the Civic League, Vice-chairman of the Community, a member of the National Technical Association and of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, a member of the Executive committee of the Tuskegee General Alumni association, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the AME Church, vice-chairman of the Gamma Sigma chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at Tuskegee and is director of the Plumbing Division at Tuskegee Institute.

Columbia, S. C. State

November 20, 1938

Leading Negro Mason Visits Consistory in Columbia

The most puissant sovereign grand commander, Willard W. Allen, 33rd degree, with the Grand Sea at Washington of the Southern jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Right of Free Masonry of the Southern jurisdiction of the United States of America, Prince Hall affiliation, Negro, is visiting C. C. Johnson Consistory No. 136, named in honor of the late C. C. Johnson, who was a former grand master of this state, now deceased, who was also an active 33rd degree Mason, and who was also deputy for the Valley of South Carolina. The present grand master, J. S. Stanback of Chester, is now the deputy for the state of South Carolina, and J. E. Dickson, grand secretary of the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall affiliation, is also a 33rd degree Mason, and is commander-in-chief of the C. C. Johnson consistory.

A class is receiving the 32nd degree under the direct supervision of the most pussiant sovereign grand commander. The sovereign grand commander said the supreme council of which he is the sovereign grand commander is 52 years old. Prior to 1887 there were five supreme councils in this country, but they met in special conclave and agreed that it was contrary to Masonic usage, and they organized at that session what is known now as the United Supreme council of the Southern jurisdiction.

At the session of 1887 the Southern supreme council and the Northern Supreme council of which Sumner A. Funance is sovereign grand commander, elected Thornton A. Jackson as sovereign grand commander, and it is quite interesting to know that Jackson served as a barber for the late Albert Pike, who was the most puissant sovereign, grand commander of the Southern jurisdiction (white). Albert Mackey, who was born in Charleston, was secretary-general of the supreme council Southern jurisdiction (white), and one of the greatest Masonic jurists of this country.

A large delegation accompanied the sovereign grand commander to Columbia, and are being entertained by J. E. Dickson and the local consistory. The delegation includes Willard W. Allen, most puissant sovereign grand commander, Baltimore Cicero A. Lee, lieutenant soverign grand commander Washington; D. F Airington, Washington; Gregory W Shaed, Washington; Henry E. Cook Washington; J. W. Barnes, auditor general, Portsmouth, Va.; Bishop H Z. Plummer, Portsmouth, Va.; R. N Butler, Portsmouth, Va.; M. A. Brown, Portsmouth, Va.; Milton Keeling, Portsmouth, Va.; John R. Hall, Portsmouth, Va., and Jeremiah Robinson, Portsmouth, Va.

Willard W. Allen is also president of the Southern Life Insurance company of Baltimore, president of the Association for Negro Business, Baltimore, and the most worshipful grand master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maryland. The sovereign grand commander paid a great compliment yesterday to Mr Pike and Mr. Mackey.

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Masons. — (Africa.)

They're "On The Square" In South Africa

Tribune 9-29-38 Philadelphia, Pa. 9-29-38



ETHIOPIA LODGE NO. 75, Standing: J. A. Massa, steward; J. A. Acker, chaplain; J. E. Acker, M. C.; H. Schungh, tyler; R. G. Adinall. Steward; A. J. Schlosz, steward; A. Cranna, steward. Sitting: A. J. Wentzel, secretary; H Briell. senior warden; W. J. Foster, worthy master; A. Wilton, junior warden; S. F. Gever, treasurer. Inset: Alec. Acker, J. D. (left); H Pedro, S. D.

African Masons Seek Charter From Pennsylvania Lodge In Struggle For Organization

Feel Original Grant Will Add Prestige To Lodge; Unit Established In Capetown, S. A., In 1904

(Picture on Page 5)

Recounting its struggle for effective organization, the Ethiopia Lodge No. 75 F. and A. M., Capetown, South Africa, as pioneer among African fraternal lodges, has written the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge for their original charter granted them shortly after their establishment, December 12, 1904.

This "parchment or diploma as it is called in our country," they state, "will not only give prestige to our Lodge, and help us in our efforts (to become a sound working body), but will give honor to our mother Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

The Ethiopia Lodge was actually formed January 4, 1902. Those responsible for breaking the ground for this set-up were District Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Rev. Bishop L. J. Coppin, the Rev. F. M. Gaw, Past Master C. Thompson, F. Peregreno, Prof. A. H. Attoway, all from the United States of America.

Aiding in the work of building this order and extending to this point of the Negro world, a bond of fellowship, one finds the names of the Rev. Dean Clarke, S. Collins, J. Jacobs, and E. Peterson.

The first "dispensation" was granted this body following the return to Africa of the Rev. Bishop Coppin, in September, 1905, who was the Ethiopia Lodge's first Master. Signing this document, as Rt. Worshipful Grand Secretary, was William H. Miller, of Philadelphia.

One of the interesting phases of their organization problems was the matter of dues—or, more precisely, the collection of them. Having been informed that upon receipt of their charter the Lodge must immediately forward their fee to the Pennsylvania Lodge, the business of holding a membership campaign started in earnest.

Conditions for obtaining money in South Africa were by no means as simple as it had been for the colored fellow member in America, and their struggles were real and their progress fraught with many set-backs—until in 1908 they had arrived at "quite a membership of 30," to quote, "with $80.00 in the bank."

In comparatively short order the membership of the Ethiopia Lodge, of Capetown, South Africa, dwindled to a new low—eight men on roll.

In October of 1919, they experienced the apex of frustration, and decided to do the Arabian stunt of "folding their tents and stealing away."

In May of 1925, some of the tried and true ones put their heads together once more to again "make one heap of all their winnings." On July 25, 1925, the Lodge was formally opened.

Receives Official Sanction

The District Deputy Grand Master, the Rev. F. M. Gaw, who had just returned from America, had brought with him the official sanction of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge to reopen Ethiopia Lodge No. 75.

In short order the roll call numbered 12, and "through many stormy sessions carried on until November 10, 1931, when District Deputy F. M. Gaw, the Lodge's first Master, was buried with Masonic Honors, W. J. Foster was made his successor.

The question of suitable headquarters for permanent occupation then arose. Settling upon a bakehouse in Claremont, 6 miles from Capetown, they were able to lease it for six months, at the expiration of which time the rental was doubled to $2.00 a month. Unable to meet the increase in rent, they were again compelled to return to Capetown, where they found the new hall of St. Marks School "just suitable for our meetings."

Meanwhile, in January, 1933, there was sent to Capetown another eminent cleric, Bishop David Sims, whose work with these men has gone down into the annals of their organization as "most inspiring and helpful." He was representing the New Jersey Grand Lodge at this time.

A year later the new ritual for the conduct of the meetings was sent them from Pennsylvania "which put new life into our Lodge, and the brothers soon became accustomed to working by them, and they have given us new lights in Masonry."

It was shortly after this rejuvenation that a copy of the original charter was sought by the officers. Two years ago this Lodge wrote for a copy of that document, and only recently they repeated that request, stressing the fact that it would increase their prestige and add honor to the parent Lodge of Pennsylvania in complying with it, as a symbol of accomplishment, in the persistent efforts of this little South African body of Negroes to work with, for and by the precepts of their brothers across the continents.

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Odd Fellows.

ODD FELLOWS CLOSE CONFAB; MORRIS MADE GRAND MASTER

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 19—With more than 1,000 delegates and representatives present the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows met here last week and elected Edward H. Morris of Chicago, grand master.

Following the financial report which showed the organization's assets listed at $262,479 and with no liabilities. Atty. Morris appealed for re-establishment of the Odd Fellows Journal, official publication of the order.

Atty. Morris' plea met with unanimous approval and was accepted in a vote of the conference last Friday.

35 States Represented

The meeting was the regular biennial business session of the organization's biennial movable conference and the Grand Household of Ruth. It was attended by representatives from 35 states and Puerto Rico.

At the opening session D. E. Henderson, representing Governor Hoey of North Carolina, and Mayor Ben E. Douglas of Charlotte, gave the welcome address.

Patriotic and memorial services were held at Little Rock church, Sunday night at which time Major-General R. T. Stewart of Newport News, Va., gave the principal address.

Most Worthy Grand Superior Luch M. Hughest of the Grand Household of Ruth, Cameron, Tex., told of achievements of the women's auxiliary and urged that efforts be made to regain members lost during the depression.

Four From Puerto Rico

Oratorical addresses were delivered last Wednesday by Atty. D. W. Perkins, Jacksonville, Fla.

The four delegates in attendance from Puerto Rico were H. Ortiz Marin, Herman Figueroa, Angel Vargas and Alberta. J. T. Sanders, Charlotte attorney, acted as general chairman of the arrangements committee. He was later elected as one of the three grand auditors.

Baltimore, Md., was chosen as the place of meeting in 1940, with a proviso reserving to the committee of management authority to cancel the 1940 meeting, in which contingency it was provided the next meeting would be held in New York City in 1942, in connection with the centenary celebration of the establishment of the Order in 1842.

Elect Officers

The following officers were elected to serve the three branches for the next two years:

The Committee of Management: Edward H. Morris, Chicago, grand master;; Ernest D. Cooke, Boston, deputy grand master; Jesse L. Nicholas, Baltimore, grand secretary; A. T. Shirley, Herndon, Va.; grand treasurer; Robert T. Thomas, Jacksonville, Fla., James F. Adair, New York, N. Y., H. H. Butler, Hartsville, S. C., William Kelso, Alexandria, La., and John A. Carey, Philadelphia, Pa., grand directors.

James M. Miller, Newark, N. J., James H. Black, Louisville, Ky., and J. T. Sanders, Charlotte, N. C., were elected grand auditors.

Grand Household of Ruth: Lucy M. Hughes, Texas, most worthy grand superior; Mary Floyd Hendley, Tennessee, right worthy grand superior; Ella J. Harris, Illinois, grand worthy treasurer; Elizabeth B. Delaney, Kentucky, grand worthy recorder; Florence D. Cochran, Ohio, grand worthy usher; Montez E. Harris, Florida, grand worthy prelate; Alma Layton, Virginia, grand worthy chamberlain; Mary E. White, District of Columbia, and Lillie G. Prattis, New York, board of governors; Margaret A. Mosley, New Jersey, director of music.

Past Grand Masters Conference: George W. Derham, Rochester, N. Y., worshipful grand master; Jesse J. Williams, Memphis, Tenn., deputy grand master; Henry H. Naylor, Washington, D. C., grand secretary; W. H. Johnson, Biloxi, Miss., grand chaplain; A. T. Brown, Philadelphia, Pa., grand warden; E. Spencer Chandler, New York, N. Y. grand guardian; George C. Webb New York, N. Y., and Andrew Williams, New Jersey, grand governors

Charlotte, N. C., News
August 13, 1938

Negro Lodge Ends National Meeting Here

Baltimore Is Selected For Next Convention; Officers Elected

J. T. Sanders, Negro lawyer of Charlotte, was elected one of the three grand auditors of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Negro fraternal organization, as the national convention was brought to a close here yesterday. Mr. Sanders was given a vote of thanks for the success of the convention, as he was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Baltimore was chosen as the meeting place for 1940, with the provision that the Baltimore meeting might be skipped and the next held be that in New York in 1942 in celebration of the founding of the order in 1842.

Resolutions of appreciation were passed for the co-operation given by the press, City officials, Chamber of Commerce and general citizenship.

PRIZES AWARDED

The prizes for the best drill teams in the military department were awarded to Alexandria, Va., Patriarchy No. 175; Washington, D. C. Patriarchy No. 18; District of Columbia Patriarchy No. 42; Alexandria, Va., Patriarchy Women's Auxiliary No. 175; Philadelphia, Pa. Patriarchy Auxiliary No. 1; and the Junior Cadet Corps No. 4 of Washington, D. C., composed of boys and girls between 16 and 18 years of age.

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Odd Fellows In Prosperous Condition

"THE ODD FELLOWS JOURNAL" TO RESUME PUBLICATION

Discontinued on Account of Depression

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 13—CNS—The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in America, in biennial meeting shows prosperous condition of the order, with substantial assets and no liabilities, decide to reestablish their fraternal publication "The Odd Fellows Journal".

More than 1,000 delegates and representatives of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows from 35 states and Puerto Rico, met here last week, when the Biennial Movable Conference and the Grand Household of Ruth, the male and female governing odies of that fraternity, held their regular biennial business sessions.

At the opening session D. E. Henderson, representing Governor Hoey and Mayor Ben E. Douglas, welcomed the assemblies to the state and city.

Patriotic and Memorial services were held at Little Rock church on Sunday night when Major-General R. T. Stewart of Newport News, Virginia, head of the patriarchy made the principal address.

The joint assembly and business session of the Movable conference and the Grand Household of Ruth was held on Tuesday. Grand Master Edward H. Morris, of Chicago, in his principal address, reviewed the achievements of the order and called attention to their fine financial condition, but cautioned against any impairment of their capital structure.

Financial reports of the business officers of the order further illuminated the fine financial condition of the organization when assets of $262,479.08 were announced with no liabilities. This condition in the language of the Grand Master Morris, gave "assurance of a continued favorable outlook.' His appeal to the delegates to give earnest attention to the matter of re-establishing of the "Odd Fellows' Journal", official publication of the order, met with unanimous approval and the conference on Friday, so voted.

In speaking of his recent visit to the jurisdiction of New South Wales, Australia, the Grand Master pointed out that he was impressed with the universality of Odd Fellowship as a world-wide brotherhood.

Most Worthy Grand Superior Luch M. Hughes of the Grand Household of Ruth, of Cameron Texas, elecited much applause when she told of the achievements of the women of the fraternity; and also won plaudits of her constituency when she urged that utmost efforts be made to increase the membership to regain losses sustained by reason of the depression.

Spirited interest was shown in the election of officers and the choice of the place of the next biennial meeting.

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The conference passed resolutions thanking the city officials of Charlotte, the Chamber of Commerce, the Charlotte Observer and the citizens generally for the cordial hospitality and favors enjoyed by th edelegates and visitors to the conferences.

700 Delegates At Convention Of G. U. O. of Odd Fellows

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Approximately 700 delegates representing states from New York to Florida, the East Coast and as far as Texas in the Southwest, registered last week for the 28th Biennial Movable Conference of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

On Sunday evening the memorial exercises in commemoration of the deceased patriarch and auxiliaries of the Grand Patriarchy were held at Little Rock A. M. E. Zion Church. Brigadier General Hamilton N. Haynes of Baltimore, Md. was the presiding officer.

The opening public session which was held at the city armory was presided over by P. C. Phillips, secretary of the host lodge.

D. E. Henderson, local white lawyer represented Governor Clyde R. Hoey who was unable to attend because of the special session of the state legislature which opened the same day. Grand Master Edward H. Morris commander-in-chief of Patriarchies in America, was one of the principal speakers at this session.

Thursday was the big day of social activities featuring the Grand Parade, the grand competitive drill, and the grand ball. The convention adjourned Saturday.

Odd Fellows Found To Be In Sound Financial Shape

Assets Shown to be $262,479.68 With No Liabilities

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — (ANP)— Outstanding feature of the recent biennial session here of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Grand Household of Ruth was the present prosperous condition of the order.

Grand Master Edward H. Morris, astute leader of the order, who despite the depression has guided the organization to financial security and who was reelected to the high office, called attention to the order's fine financial condition and cautioned against any impairment of the capital structure.

He announced assets of $262,479.68 with no liabilities. Grand Master Morris' salary is $5,000 a year.

Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, Cameron Texas, MWGS Grand Household of Ruth, was also re-elected as were most of the grand officers on both bodies. The convention also authorized republication of the "Odd Fellows' Journal."

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School Fraternities.

Detroit Host To Phi Beta Sigmas

By V. BETRAM MARION

DETROIT, Jan. 7 — While New Orleans and Cleveland epened their doors to Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi, the Motor City held open house for Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

In a social setting unparalleled in the history of this Greek letter organization, Phi Beta Sigma opened with typical jubilee of collegiate spirit, its twenty-third annual conclave at the St. Antoine street Y. M. C. A.

Three outstanding members of the fraternity were awarded the emblematic key for distinguished service and accomplishments. They were Dr. I. L. Scruggs, James A. "Billboard" Jackson and Hugh F. Lewis.

The keynote of the convention was sounded by Jesse W. Lewis, professor of business at Howard university, who stressed bigger and better business for the race.

Smokers, luncheons, teas and cocktail parties were climaxed by the official formal dance of the fraternity in which Detroit's most charming matrons and debutantes displayed enchanting grace and captivating personalities.

The newly elected national officers are: George W. Lawrence, national president; Hosea V. Price, national vice president; Robert J. Hll, vice president, eastern district; A. Leon Bailey, vice president, northern district; Walter E. Johnson, vice president, southwestern district; Thomas H. McCormick, vice president, southern district; Dr. Felix J. Brown, vice president, central district; Clarence D. King, natonal secretary-treasurer; B. Franklin Vaughan, editor of The Crescent; Russell Gideon, director of bigger and better business; Emmett M. May, chairman of social actions; Fred Minnis, director of education; James A. "Billboard" Jackson, business expert.

Delegates in attendance were: W. D. Alliman, Nashville; Jesse W. Lewis, Washington; James A. "Billboard" Jackson, New York; Fred Minnis, Washington; T. H. McCormick, Tuskegee; Edgar J. Ja[illegible]s, Detroit; James W. Johnson, New York; C. D. King, New York; Dr. Robert J. Hill, Baltimore; Dr. Felix Brown, Richmond, Va.; Clarence Scott, Boston; Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo; George W. Lawrence Chicago; Walter E. Johnson, Houston; Fred DeMendez, New York; William W. Goem, New Orleans; Ralph Jones, Philadelphia; P. D. Oliver, Boston; Russell Gideon, Boston; Mr. Bustill, Chicago; Ulysses S. Keys, Chicago; William F. Henson, Washington; C. E. Coles, New York; Fleetwood M. McCoy, Chicago; Dr. S. W. Jenkins, Detroit; Hugh F. Lewis, Chicago; J. Dean, Detroit; A. Leon Bailey, Chicago; Emmett M. May, New York; Dr. C. Williams, Detroit; Al Washington, Detroit; C. P. Johns[illegible], New York; C. M. Ashmore, Atlanta; Hosea V. Price, Winston-Salem, N. C.; S. Whitlock, New York; P. McQueen, Detroit.

Winston-Salem, N. C., was chosen as the place for the Sigma 1938 convention.

Dr. Dent Is Named Head Of Omegas

1938 Session To Be Held In Chicago, Ill.

(Special to Journal and Guide)

CLEVELAND, Ohio —Discarding the old tradition of electing only graduate men to office in the Omega Phi Phi Fraternity, delegates to the 26th annual conclave of the Omega fraternity at Cleveland last week elected an undergraduate to a national office within the fraternity.

Albert W. Dent, superintendent of Frost Goodrich Hospital of Dillard University, and business manager of Dillard University, was elected grand basileus, defeating his opponents, Dr. Percy Julian, Jesse O. Thomas, George W. Goodman and William E. Baugh.

To the office of vice grand basileus, to succeed Jesse O. Thomas of the Urban League, was Paris V. Sterrett, a student at Boston University. Young Sterrett had been the undergraduates candidate for that position for the past three years, but each time lost the election because of opinion that an undergraduate should not hold office.

BLAYTON REELECTED

Jesse Blayton, of Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected for the seventh time as grand keeper of finances, by acclamation. Frederick S. Weaver, newspaper correspondent of Washington, D. C., was elected editor-in-chief of the Oracle, and National Director of the Achievement Project. Weaver was unopposed for the position. George A. Isabell, grand keeper of records and seal, was not up for re-election, his term running for a two-year period.

Prominent persons who addressed the conclave included, Rev. E. A. Love, district superintendent of the M. E. Church, and a founder of the fraternity; Dr. Percy Julian, eminent scientist; Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, U. S. Department of Labor; George Goodman, executive secretary of the Boston Urban League; Z. Alexander Looby, NAACP attorney; and several others.

The conclave appropriated $1,000 for the publication of the history of Omega, and elected Herman Dreer, St. Louis, as historian of the fraternity. The manuscript for the history will be through by June 1. A plan for purchase of frat houses by the fraternity and establishments of a scholarship fund will be studied by the Supreme Council during the year.

CHICAGO CHOSEN

The 1938 conclave will be held in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27-29. In 1939, the conclave will meet in New York City.

The more than 350 delegates were welcomed on the opening day by Mayor Harold H. Burton.

Social activities included a reception by the Omega Maids and Matrons; smoker at the Vaudeville Comedy Club; basketball game between Omega and Kappa; Alpha Phi Alpha formal dance; cocktail party by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority joint Omega Kappa Dance, Alpha Kappa Alpha matinee dance, formal Omega banquet, and Omega conclave formal.

Atlanta, Ga. Georgian
October 31, 1938

OMEGA PSI PSI Fraternity will observe National Negro Week, November 7 to 13, with "The Negro in Journalism" as the special study theme of the week.

Officers Elected By Kappa Alpha Psi

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6—The following Kappa Alpha Psi officers were elected here last Wednesday:

ATTORNEY THEOPHILUS M. MANN, Chicago Grand Polemarch for third successive year.

JOSEPH A. CRAIGEN, deputy commissioner of labor of Michigan, senior Vice Grand Polemarch.

HONDON HARTGROVE, Wilberforce University student, junior Grand Vice Polemarch.

J. ERNEST WILKINS, Grand keeper of records and exchequer for 15th year.

THOMAS SHADOWEN, Morehouse College student, Grand Strategus.

J. D. ALEXANDER, Langston University student; Lieutenant Strategus.

GUS RUSSELL, University of Indiana student, student member of the grand board of directors.

DR. O. A. TAYLOR, Cleveland physician, and Attorney Louis Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., senior members of the grand board.

Greek Letter Fraternity Organized At Army Post Is Spreading To Colleges

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz — Organized and founded here among the collegiate members of the Army Post, a new Greek letter fraternity, Iota Beta, is spreading to other army posts, colleges and junior colleges of the west and far southwest.

The fraternity was founded by Lester E. Wilson Jr. of Milwaukee, Wis., a product of Marquette University, and Henry Jone Jr., of Atlantic City, N. J., a product of Swarthmore College. Both are regular members of the army, being stationed in the medical department.

The fraternity welcomes letters of inquiry, and will give special attention to colleges and junior colleges desiring chapters or information. Inquiries should be addressed to Iota Beta Fraternity, Fort Huachuca, Ariz. A stamped and self-addressed envelop should accompany the inquiry.

Black Rapist Discussed In Omega Oracle

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—"The Black Rapist" by M. Beanourus Tolson, a professor at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, is a brilliant presentation of the origin and significance of the cry of "black rapist," which is appearing in the October issue of the Oracle, official organ of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Other features presented in the Oracle are "Body vs. Soul" by Benjamin Brawley; "Fighting the Slums" by Robert C. Weaver; "New Frontiers in Anthropology" by Dr. W. Montague Cobb; "Greek-letter Organizations, Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow," by Andrew P. Watson, a guest contributor from Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Editorially, the Oracle challenges members of the Omega fraternity to take the initiative in abolishing brutality in initiations.

ALPHA PHI ALPHAS SET CHAPTER IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 29—(By William Harrison for ANP)—A chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity has been formed by colored students and graduates of Oxford, Cambridge and London universities resident here, through the efforts of His Highness Prince Nyabongo of the Toro, Uganda, East Africa, a graduate of Yale and Oxford. The Prince officiated at the initiation ceremonies assisted by Prof. William L. Hansberry of Howard University, who has been studying for his D. Phil. degree at Oxford during the past year.

It is said that this is the first time that an American college fraternity, white or black, ever established a chapter in Europe. The following persons were accepted as members: His Highness the Prince of the Ashantis, Drs. C. Belfield Clarke, Nanke Bruce, and M. Gregory; Messrs. F. S. Furbert, A. N. Nsbuga, Bbiyu Koinange, W. R. Pakeman and H. W. Springer.

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In recent months the fraternity has set up chapters at the Alabama State Teachers' college and in Springfield, Ill., the Journal, which is edited by G. James Fleming of this city, further reveals.

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Omegas Plan To Stress "Negro In Journalism"

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, national Greek letter organization, will observe National Negro Achievement Week November 7-13. "The Negro in Journalism" is the special theme for study this year. For several years the Fraternity has brought to the attention of the American Negro some special phase of its history and achievement, and has aroused considerable interest among all classes of people.

There is no more powerful agency for the enlightenment and unity of the colored people of the world than the press. In South America, the United States and in South Africa the Negro-edited newspaper and magazine are offering an invaluable outlet for the intellectual and economic expression of the race.

Thus the Omegas are sponsoring a special study of the history, achievement and influence of the Negro in journalism. The project will be observed in all the educational institutions of the city and will close with a mass meeting at the First Congregational Church, Sunday, November 13 and a radio program.

R. E. Cureton, department of history, Washington High School, is directing the project for Eta Omega Chapter and is assisted by Messrs. Ashworth, J. H. Calhoun, Jr., and M. R. Austell.

'Achievement Week' Concerns Negro In Journalism

WASHINGTON —(ANP) "The Achievement of the Negro in the field of Journalism," is the topic to be discussed during National Negro Achievement week, sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Nov. 6 to 13, Frederick S. Weaver, national director announced this week. The fraternity is sponsoring an essay contest among college and high school students who are writing on the subject "The Negro and the Field of Journalism." Eight prizes are awarded to college students and a similar number to high school students. First and second prize winners in the college division will receive $25 and the Negro Year Book for one year. and $15 and the Journal of Negro Education for one year, respectively. First and second prize winners in the high school division will receive $15 and Negro Year Book and $10 and Journal of Negro Education, respectively. The remaining six best writers in both divisions will receive any Negro newspaper of contestants choice for one year.

Prof. Barrington D. Parker of Dillard university is director of the essay contest.

Omegas Meet At Michigan University

Ann Arbor Chapter Host To Fraters

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—The tenth district of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held its annual meeting in Ann Arbor, November 11 and 12 as the guests of Phi Chapter. The group had been invited to Ann Arbor last year by Dr. Nelson H. Harris.

Charles Clark, William Boyd, Richard L. Jeffreys, William Polk, Gilbert Gill, George Goddard, and Limas Wall, officers of the local chapter, welcomed the delegates into the music room of the Michigan Union where the session were held.

Charles Harry of Indianapolis, presided with Felix Wilson of Chicago keeping the minutes.

The delegates discussed the revision of the constitution and by-laws and the creation of a scholarship fund for the undergraduates of the tenth district.

The social committee, headed by Babe McAllister, assisted by Walter Howze, David Cornick, Waldo Scott, and Robert Wilson entertained the guests with a smoker and concluded the convention with a formal dance held in the beautiful ballroom of Lane Hall.

The Omegas were feted at Harper's Tea Room after the Michigan Northwestern game by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

George A. Isabell, grand keeper of records and seals, was one of the national officers present.

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Kappas Hold 'Best' Conclave In Cleveland

By V. BERTRAM MARION

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 7—Eighty-one chapters, with delegates from all parts of the United States, answered the roll call of the twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity which met here last week. It was the largest and most successful grand chapter meeting ever held by a Greek letter organization, according to testimony of veteran observers.

The grand body was entertained by the Cleveland alumni chapter and Alpha Omega chapters of Western Reserve and Case universities.

The convention was formally welcomed to Cleveland by Mayor Harold S. Burton.

There were 212 delegates, who, with the other visiting brothers, made a total of 468 registered members in attendance.

Rededicate Itself to Service

Discussing the most important program and phases of racial life, the fraternity went on record as rededicating itself to the service of the undergraduate students, and pledged itself to a greater activity and effort in behalf of the Race.

On Sunday morning at 8:30, Theophilus Mann, grand polemarch of the fraternity, spoke over station WGAR.

After giving a brief history of the fraternity, Mr. Mann told of the aims and traditions of the organization. The meeting opened on Sunday morning with a special annual sermon delivered by the Rev. Joseph Gomez of St. James A. M. E. church.

A public meeting was held during the afternoon, at which time an official welcome was tendered.

Foremost among the high points of the conclave was the presentation of the laurel wreath to Judge Armond W. Scott of the municipal court of Washington. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any Kappa man. During the 27 years of the fraternity's existence only seven such awards have been made.

Grant $9,000 in Loans

Among the major accomplishments of the fraternity during 1937 were the following: the buying of a fraternity house at the University of Illinois, the granting of several loans to other chapters totaling over $5,000, and the granting of loans and scholarships to students amounting to more than $4,000.

In its annual Guide Right movement, the fraternity sponsored Guide Right meetings and conferences for high school students in 78 cities all over the United States last April.

Delegates were sent to the National Negro congress, the National Negro Business league, the N. A. A. C. P., the Urban League, and several other national conventions.

The fraternity was also represented on the committee of the Joint Health project planned by all the Greek letter societies. The grand office contributed $200 to the N. A. A. C. P. to aid in its education fight.

Gives Achievement Award

The following awards were given: the Annual Achievement award to Alpha chapter at the University of Indiana for outstanding work in all student activities as well as for scholastic standing at the university; Individual award to James D. Fowler of Howard university for his brilliant career at Howard, followed by his appointment as a cadet at West Point Military academy; the medal for the most outstanding high school graduate went to J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., of the University of Chicago (who is a pledgee to Iota chapter); the Chicago alumni chapter was granted an award for the greatest activity among any of the alumni chapters.

All business sessions of the organization were held in the Phyllis Wheatley association, at Cedar avenue and Forty-sixth street.

Resolutions passed at this meeting were as follows: Resolved that the fraternity petition President Roosevelt and each and every individual member of congress to pass the anti-lynching bill; that the organization continue its fight to have the photographic requirements for civil service examinations abolished; that Negroes be advised and educated as to how to secure jobs in the federal government, and to prepare themselves for careers in all branches of the government; that Negroes be urged for membership on all policy-making bodies concerning the minority groups in this country, and that the fraternity use its influence to establish a bureau in Washington to fight for and to assist in the interests of the Negroes in this country; and the fifth resolution authorized that Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago be informed that the business offices of the university are active in the discrimination of Negroes through fostering restricted covenants which keep our Race from living in certain sections of Chicago.

Aware of Discrimination

There was a genuine interest shown in all phases of racial activities. The delegates gave every evidence that they were aware of the many discriminatory practices which are being used to retard the progress of the Race. The next meeting will be held at Wilberforce university.

The following men were elected as grand officers to serve for the year 1938:

Theophilus M. Mann of Chicago was reelected grand polemarch. This is the third time he has been thus honored.

Joseph A. Craigen, Detroit, deputy commissioner of labor of Michigan, senior vice grand polemarch; Hondon Hargrove, Wilberforce university student, junior vice grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, grand keeper of records and exchequer for sixteenth year; Thomas Shadowen, Morehouse college student, grand strategus; J. D. Alexander, Langston university student, lieutenant strategus; Guy Russell, University of Indiana student, student member of the grand board of directors; Dr. O. A. Taylor, Cleveland physician, and Attorney Louis Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., senior members of the grand board.

A partial list of the delegates and members in attendance is as follows:

J. D. Alexander, Langston university; John C. Alston, Ohio State university; J. E. Anderson, Wichita university, Kansas; Byron K. Amsly, Tulsa; Thomas E. Ash, West Virginia State college; James B. Brown, Louisville; Dr. Witt Baily, Topeka; Dr. James Barnes, Meharry Medical college; Eldride Baskin, Temple university; Charles E. Beatty, University of Michigan; Dr. Veo Beck, Lincoln university; Joseph N. Birch, Nome, Alaska; Marcus P. Blakemore, Pittsburgh; Hilliard A. Bowen, Langston university, Oklahoma; Edgar G. Brown, Washington; Ligon Buford, Chicago university; William T. Carter, University of Michigan; Russell L. Carter, Ohio State university;

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George W. Carter, Ohio State university; Claude H. Cooper, Meharry Medical college; George W. Cathcart, Detroit; John W. Clark, Howard university; Ray E. Clarke, Cincinnati; Wilber A. Clarke, Chicago university; Vernie C. Clinch, Atlanta university; James M. Coggs, Howard university; David C. Coleman, Bluefield State Teachers college;

Cyrus J. Colten, University of Chicago; William R. Conners, Cleveland; Paul P. Cooler, Washington; William S. Cooper, Cleveland; B. D. Corbett, Detroit; Avalon C. Cox, Indianapolis; Joseph A. Craigen, Detroit; Oliver W. Crump, Marshall, Texas; Carroll C. Damel, Kansas City, Mo.; George F. David, Wilberforce university; Jonah R. Davis, New York; Richard A. Dobson, University of Iowa; Dr. I. Theodore Donaldson, New York; Herbert C. Duckett, St. Louis; Benjamin F. Duncan, Duquesne university, Pittsburgh; Paul R. Davis, Detroit; Edgar N. Dixon, Cleveland; John P. Edelen, Chicago; C. H. Fisher, Detroit; Russell A. Ferry, Lincoln university, Pa.; G. James Fleming, New York; Horace Fugua, Chicago; Charles L. Heyliger, New York; L. Hicks, Detroit; George H. Hill, Cleveland; Smith G. Hawkins, Chicago; Nathaniel G. Harris, West Virginia State college; Ivan C. Harper, University of Illinois; John E. Hines, Chicago; Hondon B. Hargrove, Wilberforce university;

Allison B. Henderson, Meharry Medical college; V. A. Harris, Topeka; Nathaniel L. Hubbard, Cleveland; Claude W. B. Holman, Chicago; Lucian P. Garrett, St. Louis; A. M. Gassaway, Chicago; Edward K. Glass, A. and I. college, Nashville; Charles L. Guess, University of Indiana; Truman K. Gibson, Chicago; Dr. William H. Greene, Washington; Rev. Joseph Gomez, Cleveland; Lee B. Jett, Louisville; Addison J. Joyce, New York; Melvin A. Johnson, Wilberforce; Carl R. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.; Theodore A. Jones, Chicago; James V. Jones, Chicago; James H. Jones, Chicago; George L. Knox, Indianapolis; Frank C. Lyons, Cleveland college; Edgar Langrum, Cleveland; Percy H. Lee, Kansas City, Mo.; Robert L. Lightfoot, Chicago; Robert E. Lewis, Chicago; James E. Levy, Cleveland; Walter L. Lowe, Chicago; Wendell M. Lucas, Howard university; J. J. McDonald, Detroit; James M. McCarther, Cleveland;

T. M. Mann, Chicago; W. T. Madison, Washington; A. M. Mercer, Chicago; Otha J. Miller, University of Illinois; W. Robert Ming, Chicago; Blake E. Moore, Topeka;

Julius Lee Morgan, Chicago; Elmer V. Mosee, St. Louis; Louis F. Orr, St. Louis; W. S. Perlsims, Detroit; Clarence A. Parham, Cleveland; L. O. Payne, Cleveland; Augustus G. Parker, Cleveland; Samuel L. Patterson, University of Indiana; Clifford E. Phillips, Chicago; Demcan E. Pope, Chicago; Lawrence J. Powers, Cleveland; Frank Price, University of Indiana; William Prince, University of Illinois; Edward A. Pyless, Topeka; William T. Ray, Cleveland; Frank D. Reeves, Howard university; Columbus W. Reese, Chicago; Alvin A. Reid, Atlanta; Arton G. Roebuck, New York; Alfred J. Rutherford, Wilberforce; Raymond C. Stephens, Ohio State university; William W. Stewart, New Orleans; John L. Stewart, Buffalo; W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago; Thomas M. Shadowens, Omaha;

Ira B. Scott, Cleveland; Elisha Scott, Topeka; A. W. Scott, Washington; Arthur W. Sewell, San Francisco; Robert H. Shauter, Cleveland; J. E. Scott, Washington; Oliver R. Simmons, New York; L. O. Shipp, New Orleans; Robert A. Smith, Howard university; Joseph E. Snowden, Chicago; Donald A. Spencer, Cincinnati; Samuel Southern, Indianapolis; Frank M. Summers, St. Louis; Albert C. Spurlock, Illinois; Paul G. Stewart, Chicago; Rufus S. Stout, Louisville; Leroy A. Tease, Langston, Okla.; P. A. Taylor, St. Paul; Taylor E. Taylor, Washington; I. W. Taylor, Epsilon; T. L. Thompson, Washington; L. J. Tolbert, Baltimore; Ralph M. Tyler, Cleveland; Richard L. Turner, Cleveland; R. M. Van Dyne, Topeka; Russell T. Washington, Lincoln university, Pa.; Valores J. Washington, Chicago; J. E. Wilkins, Chicago; William M. Wood, Wisconsin; T. E. Woolridge, Louisville;

R. O. Woolford, Chicago; Douglas E. Williams, Michigan; Arthur A. Ware, Columbus, O.; Ray B. Ware, Atlanta; Clifford C. Washington, Philadelphia; Kenneth Washington, Gary, Ind.; Lome M. White, California; S. H. Wilson, Chicago; A. G. Williams, Cleveland; Fred H. Williams, Detroit; Charles Whitly, Detroit; Russell J. Williams, Cleveland; W. S. Perlsims, Detroit; Marion D. Wright, Kansas; James R. Willis, Bluefield State Teachers college; Charles R. Wilson, Chicago; David D. White, Wilmington; C. L. Wilson, Chicago; Mitton L. Wood, Washington; Walter W. Whitfield, Cleveland; Jesse E. Wallace, Boston; Luffboro Leon Yancey, John Marshall; Guy Russell, Indianapolis.

Among the other Kappa members attending were: Howard Cooley, George Craig, Andrew Cunningham, Rush Emanuel, Russell Davis, Thomas Fleming, S. Flournoy, A. E. Gamblee, Harold Gassaway, Chester Gillespie, W. J. Hamilton, Rodger Wilson, W. B. Hatcher, R. W. Hixon, Leon Jackson, W. D. Jefferson, Edward Johnson, Raymond Johnson, William L. Joyner, Fred Kinney, C. H. Leatherman, E. S. Lee, J. D. Merida, J. F. Morning, B. Myers, G. A. Myers, J. E. Ormes, J. A. Owens, Lawrence Powell, W. F. Ritchie, William B. Saunders, Carlton Stephens, O. A. Taylor, K. T. Thompson, Dewey F. Trigg, Lincoln Turner, E. M. Tyler, Thomas Mitchell, Charleston W. Va.; Van Sherrill, H. L. Wallace, George Washington, Ermer L. Watson, J. W. Wills Sr., J. W. Wills Jr., R. T. Wise, Gilbert Cargill, James Dorsey, Kermit Mehlinger, and Thomas J. Woodford.

Sigmas Hold Conclave in Detroit

Frat Organized in 1914 Now Has 3,000 Members

By RUSS J. COWANS

DETROIT — With more than 100 delegates assembled from various sections of the country, the twenty-third annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity opened Monday at the St. Antoine YMCA.

Following a brief session, the delegates were taken on a tour of the business places owned and operated by colored persons. The tour was under the guidance of Xi Beta Sigma chapter, host to the conclave.

The Rev. William H. Peck, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, welcomed the delegates at a mass public meeting held at Bethel on Monday night. In his address, the Rev. Mr. Peck pictured the difficulties confronted by colored graduates from high schools and colleges in adjusting themselves to the job of becoming an integral part of the economic scheme.

To Face Big Job

James W. Johnson, attorney of New York and national president of the fraternity, said that "Greek-letter fraternities take their responsibilities very seriously, and have assembled here to face a big job."

He said that Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was organized in 1914 and now has a membership of 3,000 with under-graduate chapters from Boston to Los Angeles and from Detroit to New Orleans.

James A. Jackson was the principal speaker at the Noonday Luncheon Club on Wednesday, where the delegates were the guests of the Booker T. Washington Trade Association.

The annual election of officers was held Thursday. The grand ball was held Thursday night at Mayfair Ballroom.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA CONFAB MARKS IMMENSE PROGRESS

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NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7—In one of the most glamorous southern settings Alpha Phi Alpha national fraternity held its 26th general convention on the Xavier university campus here December 27 through 30.

The fraternity, one of the oldest and largest of the Greek letter group, was glamorously entertained by the New Orleans host chapters, Sigma Lambda and Beta Tau. The group headed by Dr. P. P. Creuzot, general chairman, was composed of Lester Braden, Louis Blanchet, Warren Llabre, Rene J. Rousseve, Whitfield Hayden, Clyde Reynolds, Numa Rousseve, Ferdinand Rousseve, Orlando Moss, Dr. Andrew Young, Dr. Charles Bugg, Rudolph Moses, Cleolus Blanchet, James Taylor, Dr. C C. Haydel, Theodore Wright, Walter Morial, Frances Hammond, Robert Pearson, Ralph Metcalf, Harold Bouise, Dr. George Talbert, Peter Clark, Armand Boutte Jr., Dr. Clarence T. Mason, Giles Wright, George Weber, George Hamilton, Marshall Bennett, Jessie Richards, Attorney A. P. Turead, Albert Bloom, E. V. Peppers, Charles Rousseve, James Brown, Osceola Bloughet, W. E. Belton, Edward Coleman, Dr. W. R. Adams, Herman Washington, Charles Burbridge, James Hall, Robert Sloan, Mahlon Rhaney, Floyd Baldwin, Oscar Bouise, Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Dr. J. Felton Brown, Dr. Ernest Cherrie, Frederick Hall, Walter Chaney, Dr. A. E. McDonald, W. H. Mitchell, Alfred Priestly, Ira Ross, Alvin Smith, Elmaurice Miller, Traverse Crawford.

Chairmen Plan Program

The various chairmen responsible for the warm hospitality shared by more than two hundred national delegates were: Whitney Haydel, chairman of the budget committee; E. M. Coleman, publicity committee; Harold Bouise, transportation committee; Herman Washington, social committee; A. P. Turead, program committee and Mrs. W. R. Adams, president of the ladies auxiliary, who disposed excellently of her cordiality in providing all to be desired in the way of social entertainment for the wives and sweethearts of the Alpha men.

The keynote and theme of the entire convention was sounded at the public meeting held in the Xavier auditorium, Tuesday evening by the guest speaker and frater, Judge James Watson, New York municipal court judge, when the latter stressed the need for greater fraternity interest in the welfare of the masses, their education and progress.

The issues decided in the closed sessions following closely on the heels of the fraternity theme as expressed by Judge Watson, manifested a sincerity of purpose and objectives in the appointment of a housing commission with Belford D. Lawson of Washington as chairman. The commission has been created to assist especially in the building of fraternity houses throughout the Midwest. It was decided that a donation of $100 be sent respectively to the N.A.A.C.P., the Urban League, the Society for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, the John Pope Memorial fund, and the New Negro Alliance in Washington, D. C.

The following appropriations were set aside: a $500 scholarship for some student to attend aeronautical school; a $1,500 fellowship, and a $1,600 scholarship. At this meeting it was noted enthusiastically that more members have become financial than ever before in the history of the fraternity and that the treasury cash balance is larger now than at any other time. As a result $10,000 has been invested in United States government bonds.

Reelect National Officers

An almost complete contingent of southern university presidents, most of them Alpha fraters, were notably in attendance. Others outstanding in representative aggregations were: Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Ph.D., Howard university, Washington, D.C., national president; Charles W. Green, Atlanta, Ga., first vice-president, Atlanta Life Insurance company, executive; Attorney Sidney A. Jones, Chicago, Midwestern vice-president; Attorney Bert McDonald of Los Angeles, Western vice-president and state deputy of Los Angeles; Joseph H. B. Evans, Washington, general secretary and government official in the resettlement program; Attorney Percival R. Piper, general treasurer; Dr. Rayford Logan, Ph.D., Atlanta, Ga., director of education and history, department head, Atlanta university; Attorney Theodore M. Berry, Cincinnati, general counsel; Lewis O. Swingler, Memphis, editor-in-chief of Sphinx magazine and managing editor of the Memphis World. Each of the above named fraters was unanimously reelected as national officers for 1939. Elected to the executive council were Ferdinand L. Rousseve, head of the art department, Xavier university; Walter S. Scott Jr., law student, Ohio State university; Christopher Roulhac, LeMayne university student, Memphis.

The fraternity's stand in planning for the progress and advancement of the Negro race, both racial and interracial has been outstanding throughout thirty-one years of national and community service.

The convention adjourned filled with the spirit of one of the most successful conventions in its history. It will convene again in New York, Christmas, 1939.

Representatives From Everywhere

Among the delegates attending were: S. F. Howell, Alpha Phi, Atlanta; L. S. Branch, Alpha Zeta Lambda, Gary, W. Va.; William S. Randolph, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; J. B. English, Chi, Nashville; J. A. Bond Jr., Alpha Omicron, Charlotte, N. C.; C. L. Blake, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; J. H. Henderson, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; R. G. Martin, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Alan T. Busby, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Alcorn, Miss.; W. W. B, Blanchet, Eta Lambda, Fort Valley;

A. J. Lewis II, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Milton S. J. Wright, Chi Lambda, Wilberforce; James Dunn, Xi, Wilberforce; James T. A. West, Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa; H. S. Hughes, Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa; F. Melvin Payne, M. D., Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa; William H. Bell, Alpha Mu, Alcorn, Miss.; William H. Gray, Psi, Philadelphia; H. B. Rutherford, Alpha Psi Lambda, Columbus, S. C.; Henry Twigg, Beta Xi, Le Moyne;

James Perrie, Beta Xi, Le Moyne; Robert Lewis Jr., Beta Xi, Le Moyne; Harvey P. Williams Jr., Beta Xi, Le Moyne; O. Wilson Winters, Rho, Philadelphia; Leon F. Surjeant, Rho, Philadelphia; W. F. Jerrick, Rho, Philadelphia; Marshall L. Shepard, Rho, Philadelphia; Charles H. Wesley, Mu Lambda, Washington; L. Howard Bennett, Tau Lambda, Nashville; Charles W. Greene, Eta Lambda, Atlanta;

Bert McDonald, Alpha Delta, Los Angeles; Newman C. Taylor, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; Ronald S. Byrd, Beta Delta, Orangeburg, S. C.; Roderick B. Harris, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Dr. Paul A. Alexander, Gamma Lambda, Detroit; Lewis O. Swingler, Alpha Delta Lambda, Memphis; J. E. Cotton, Alpha Delta Lambda, Memphis; Marvin Tarpley, Alpha Delta Lambda, Memphis; Dr. F. P. Lytes, Pi Lambda, Little Rock; Thomas J. Perry, Alpha Upsilon Lambda, Montgomery;

J. Haley Bell, Gamma Lambda, Detroit; Alton M. Childs II, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Benjamin F. Davis, Alpha Upsilon, Detroit; Herbert E. Simms Jr., Gamma Lambda, Detroit; Herbert E. Simms Sr., Alpha Upsilon, Detroit; J. A. Bacoats, Gamma, Richmond; Sigmund Herman, Alpha Upsilon Lambda, Montgomery; Thomas N. Hayes Jr., Alpha Delta Lambda, Memphis; James D. Parks, Alpha Theta, Jefferson City, Mo.;

Joseph H. B. Evans, Mu Lambda, Washington; Jose S. Merry, Beta Pi, Jackson; John R. Pinkett Jr., Beta, Washington; Robert Daniel, Phi Lambda, Raleigh; E. T. Browne, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Roanoke; William H. Porter Jr., Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; Horace D. Murdock, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; C. P. Johnson, Alpha Sigma Lambda, Dallas.; C. W. Beckett, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Rayford W. Logan, Eta Lambda, Atlanta;

William C. Pyant, Alpha Mu, Evanston, Ill.; W. D. Thomas Jr., Eta Lambda, Atlanta; A. H. Anderson, Alpha Psi Lambda, Salem, N. C.; B. V. Lawson, Mu Lambda, Washington; Harry W. Roberts, Nu Lambda, Virginia; C. M. Roulhoc, Beta Xi, Memphis; Herman J. D. Carter, Beta Omicron, Nashville; Alvin L. Wilks, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Sidney A. Jones Jr., Theta, Chicago; Percival R. Piper, Gamma Lambda, Detroit;

Ernest R. Carney, Gamma Lambda, Detroit; John E. Murrell, Pi, Cleveland; Reid E. Jackson, Alpha Lambda, Louisville; Joseph D. McGhee, Alpha Phi Lambda, Columbia, S. C.; Nelson J. Jackson, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; B. T. Harvey, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; James S. Peters, Beta Sigma, Scotlandville, La.; James M. Reynolds, Alpha Upsilon Lambda, Montgomery; Aaron L. Allen, Tau Lambda, Nashville; W. H. Williams, Alpha Upsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.;

Dr. A. H. McCoy, Alpha Upsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; O. H. Elliott, Beta Zeta, Austin; Fred D. Atwater, Eta, New York; Gerald F. Norman, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; Ewart G. Guinier, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; James Watson, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; Farrow R. Allen, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; David W. Pelkey, Tau, Champaign, Ill.; Otho M. Robinson, Tau, Champaign, Ill.; Vester G. Fowlker, Eta, New York;

James C. Dunbar, Alpha Upsilon, Detroit; Howard Mason, Alpha Sigma, Marshall, Texas; Rufus S. Norman, Alpha Delta, Los Angeles, Calif; Dr. G. Lamar Harrison, Alpha Eta Lambda, Prairie View, Texas; Maceo Hill, Alpha Rho Lambda, Columbus, Ohio; James Browning, Mu Lambda, Washington; Jesse S. Chandler, Chi, Nashville; Everrett R. Lawrence, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; H. C. Latham, Alpha Delta Lambda, Memphis; Russell W. Smith, General Organization, Southern university;

William A. Bell 2d, Alpha Rho, Morehouse college; J. T. Fagan Jr. Eta Lambda, Atlanta; M. L. Harris, Pi Lambda, Little Rock; Archie Lang, Beta Sigma, Southern; G. Alfred Armstrong, Beta Sigma, Southern; Charles L. Franklin, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; B. A. Rose, Theta Lambda, Dayton, Ohio; W. D. Hawkins Jr., Tau Lambda, Nashville; M. G. Ferguson, Chi, Nashville; John R. Lawrence Jr., Mu, St. Paul;

John M. Patton Jr., Mu, St. Paul; Walter S. Scott Jr., Kappa, Columbus; Robert R. Watson, Kappa, Columbus, Ohio; Lucien Wright, Alpha Rho Lambda, Columbus, Ohio; Charles D. Allen, Alpha Rho Lambda, Columbus, Ohio; Clifford M. Spottsville, Upsilon; Lawrence, Kans.; James A. Gibbs Jr., Alpha Chi, Fisk university; Blanchard Tomlin, Alpha Psi, Lincoln university, Mo.; Dr. L. L. Patton, Psi Lambda, Chattanooga; Edward W. Browne, Alpha Zeta Lambda, Bluefield, W. Va.;

Roger F. Gordon, Psi, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kermit J. Hall, Alpha Iota Lambda, Charleston, W. Va.; Johna A. Davis, Epsilon Lambda, St. Louis; Sidney R. Williams, Epsilon Lambda, St. Louis; Elvin V. Neal, Alpha Delta, Los Angeles, A. D. Shores, Omicron Lambda, Birmingham; W. E. Shortridge, Omicron Lambda, Birmingham; H. Lovell Mosely, Omicron Lambda, Birmingham; J. Ratcliff, Beta Eta, Carbondale, Ill.; Herman Branson, Omicron, Pittsburgh;

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Chairmen Plan Program

The various chairmen responsible for the warm hospitality shared by more than two hundred national delegates were: Whitney Haydel, chairman of the budget committee; E. M. Coleman, publicity committee; Harold Bouise, transportation committee; Herman Washington, social committee; A. P. Tureau, program committee and Mrs. W. R. Adams, president of the ladies auxiliary, who disposed excellently of her cordiality in providing all to be desired in the way of social entertainment for the wives and sweethearts of the Alpha men.

The keynote and theme of the entire convention was sounded at the public meeting held in the Xavier auditorium, Tuesday evening by the guest speaker and frater, Judge James Watson, New York municipal court judge, when the latter stressed the need for greater fraternity interest in the welfare of the masses, their education and progress.

The issues decided in the closed sessions following closely on the heels of the fraternity theme as expressed by Judge Watson, manifested a sincerity of purpose and objectives in the appointment of a housing commission with Belford D. Lawson of Washington as chairman. The commission has been created to assist especially in the building of fraternity houses throughout the Midwest. It was decided that a donation of $100 be sent respectively to the N.A.A.C.P., the Urban League, the Society for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, the John Pope Memorial fund, and the New Negro Alliance in Washington, D. C.

The following appropriations were set aside: a $500 scholarship for some student to attend aeronautical school; a $1,500 fellowship, and a $1,600 scholarship. At this meeting it was noted enthusiastically that more members have become financial than ever before in the history of the fraternity and that the treasury cash balance is larger now than at any other time. As a result $10,000 has been invested in United States government bonds.

Reelect National Officers

An almost complete contingent of southern university presidents, most of them Alpha fraters, were notably in attendance. Others outstanding in representative aggregations were: Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Ph.D., Howard university, Washington, D.C., national president; Charles W. Green, Atlanta, Ga., first vice-president, Atlanta Life Insurance company, executive; Attorney Sidney A. Jones, Chicago, Midwestern vice-president; Attorney Bert McDonald of Los Angeles, Western vice-president and state deputy of Los Angeles; Joseph H. B. Evans, Washington, general secretary and government official in the resettlement program; Attorney Percival R. Piper, general treasurer; Dr. Rayford Logan, Ph.D., Atlanta, Ga., director of education and history, department head, Atlanta university; Attorney Theodore M. Berry, Cincinnati, general counsel; Lewis O. Swingler, Memphis, editor-in-chief of Sphinx magazine and managing editor of the Memphis World. Each of the above named fraters was unanimously reelected as national officers for 1939. Elected to the executive council were Ferdinand L. Rousseve, head of the art department, Xavier university; Walter S. Scott Jr., law student, Ohio State university; Christopher Roulhac, Le-Mayne university student, Memphis.

The fraternity's stand in planning for the progress and advancement of the Negro race, both racial and interracial has been outstanding throughout thirty-one years of national and community service.

The convention adjourned filled with the spirit of one of the most successful conventions in its history. It will convene agani in New York, Christmas, 1939.

Representatives From Everywhere

Among the delegates attending were: S. F. Howell, Alpha Phi, Atlanta; L. S. Branch, Alpha Zeta Lambda, Gary, W. Va.; William S. Randolph, Alpha Gamma Lambda, New York; J. B. English, Chi, Nashville; J. A. Bond Jr., Alpha Omicron, Charlotte, N. C.; C. L. Blake, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; J. H. Henderson, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; R. G. Martin, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Alan T. Rusby, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Alcorn, Miss.; W. W. E. Blanchet, Eta Lambda, Fort Valley;

A. J. Lewis II, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Milton S. J. Wright, Chi Lambda, Wilberforce; James Dunn, Xi, Wilberforce; James T. A. West, Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa; H. S. Hughes, Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa; F. Melvin Payne, M. D., Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa; William H. Bell, Alpha Mu, Alcorn, Miss.; William H. Gray, Psi, Philadelphia; H. B. Rutherford, Alpha Psi Lambda, Columbus, S. C.; Henry Twigg, Beta Xi, Le Moyne;

James Perrie, Beta Xi, Le Moyne; Robert Lewis Jr., Beta Xi, Le Moyne; Harvey P. Williams Jr., Beta Xi, Le Moyne; O. Wilson Winters, Rho, Philadelphia; Leon F. Surjeant, Rho, Philadelphia; W. F. Jerrick, Rho, Philadelphia; Marshall L. Shepard, Rho, Philadelphia; Charles H. Wesley, Mu Lambda, Washington; L. Howard Bennett, Tau Lambda, Nashville; Charles W. Greene, Eta Lambda, Atlanta;

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Joseph H. B. Evans, Mu Lambda, Washington; Jose S. Merry, Beta Pi, Jackson; John R. Pinkett Jr., Beta, Washington; Robert Daniel, Phi Lambda, Raleigh; E. T. Browne, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Roanoke; William H. Porter Jr., Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; Horace D. Murdock, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; C. P. Johnson, Alpha Sigma Lambda, Dallas.; C. W. Beckett, Eta Lambda, Atlanta; Rayford W. Logan, Eta Lambda, Atlanta;

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James C. Dunbar, Alpha Upsilon, Detroit; Howard Mason, Alpha Sigma, Marshall, Texas; Rufus S. Norman, Alpha Delta, Los Angeles, Calif; Dr. G. Lamar Harrison, Alpha Eta Lambda, Prairie View, Texas; Maceo Hill, Alpha Rho Lambda, Columbus, Ohio; James Browning, Mu Lambda, Washington; Jesse S. Chandler, Chi, Nashville; Everrett R. Lawrence, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Jackson, Miss.; H. C. Latham, Alpha Delta Lambda, Memphis; Russell W. Smith, General Organization, Southern university;

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To Temper Initiation

In response to several telegrams from the Pittsburgh Courier and several other newspapers the fraternity went on record as favoring the elimination of all severe actions in their initiations.

It was stated that this had been the attitude of the convention for several years.

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The fraternity went on record as backing the sharecroppers in their fight for better economic conditions.

They also pledged their moral and financial support to the N. A. A. C. P., The John Holt Memorial Fund and the National Association for the Study of Negro History .

The fraternity also stated that they would, in the future, throw all business possible to Negro firms and voted to patronize the L'Overture Jewelry Company, a Negro concern out of New York in the purchase of all of their pins, keys and other jewelry.

Life Memberships

For the first time in the history of the organization two members were voted life memberships in the organization.

These two were Dr. O. Wilson Winters of Morristown, Pa., and Dr. W. F. Jerrick of Philadelphia. These men were given life memberships for outstanding work for the fraternity. Dr. Jerrick has been head of his local fraternity for more than 20 years.

To Aid Aviation Study

One of the features of the meeting was the support voted to William Powell, Los Angeles Negro aviator and organizer of an aviation school.

It was voted that the fraternity give him moral and financial support and offer scholarships in his school for worthy Negro boys.

Fraternity's Progress

Progress was shown in the many reports made to the body. The finances of the organization were shown as being in the best condition since the organization of the fraternity, membership showed an increase and the morale of the order was extremely high. A special committee was formed to cooperate with all local chapters in the construction and maintainence of Alpha homes to house the fraternity. Many thousands of dollars of property will be involved in the workings of this committee. More than $2,000 were reported as having been donated to various scholarships.

Officers Re-elected

As an evidence of the harmony obtaining within the fraternity all of the officers were re-elected.

New York was selected as the meeting place for 1939 and the last four days in August as the date. This date was selected on account of the World's Fair to be held in New York at that tmie.

Royally Entertained

The almost perfect weather of 65 degrees lent itself admirably to the wonderful entertainment furnished the visiting brothers by the entertainment committee, headed by Dr. P. P. Creuzot, general chairman, and N. L. and P. F. Housseve. On Monday, night the brothers were entertained with a party at the Tick Tock Tavern and on Tuesday night at the same place a smoker was tendered the visiting fraters. The formal closed dance was given to the brothers, their wives and the girl friends. The ladies were entertained by the womens' auxiliary with bridge at Dillard University on Friday afternoon and on Friday night at Dillard the closed banquet was staged. The installation of officers occurred at this banquet and the renewal of fraternal ritualistic rites. Mrs. Billie Adams was chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Notables Present

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Omega Psi Phis Hold Twenty-Sixth Meet

By V. BERTRAM MARION

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7—Under the guidance of Attorney George Johnson, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity ended one of its greatest conventions in the city of Cleveland. Some two hundred delegates from various chapters of this college fraternity attended the twenty-sixth annual conclave of the organization.

The spirit of the delegates was heightened by the magnificent zeal and enthusiasm with which they were welcomed by social and fraternal leaders of this city.

The busness sessions were held at the Western Reserve club where officials of the organization outlined their program for the incoming year.

Parties Banquets

The Omegas were like bees trying to keep up with their social engagements. Cocktail parties, matinee dances, and formal banquets were, beside the official meetings, the main offerings of the convention.

The Omega Maids and Matrons, composed of wives and friends of the fraternity, headed by Mrs. Nathaniel Bowen, chairman; Mrs. Betty Roseboro, Mrs. Charles White, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. Orphia Carr, Mrs. P. H. White and Mrs. Edward White, added an exquisite touch to this array of national celebrities.

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The 1938 meeting will be held in Chicago.

Among the representative delegates were: Richard C. Allen, St. Paul; Donald D. Adams, New York; C. R. Alexander, Baltimore; M. R. Austelle, Atlanta; Charles W. Clark, West Point, Va.; Benjamin Wilbur Clayton, Chicago; A. P. Cofer, Cleveland; Harvey Henry Corrothers, Wilberforce; Thomas Carter Collins, Detroit; James McKie Colston Jr., Nashville; Aloysius B. Cuyjet, Philadelphia; Willmer Franklin Dillard, Roanoke, Va.; Albert W. Dent, New Orleans; Francis M. Dent, Detroit; Edward W. Dixon, Dorchester, Mass.; Alonzo Dodson, Philadelphia; Richard Duncan, Washington; Benson Dutton, State College, Pa.; Herman Dreer, St. Louis; Elmer Frank Ellis, New London, Conn.; William Oliver Fields, Toledo; Roland K. Fortune, New York; Henry James Furlow, Atlanta; Alexander Correll Garner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Howard David Gould, Chicago; Mifflin Tucker Gibbs, New York;

D. J. Gill, Roanoke, Va.; Alfred H. Glascor, Columbus, Ohio; LeRoy Chappelle Glenn, New York; George W. Goodman, Boston; Dr. Ellsworth Eugene Hasbrouch, Syracuse; Robert E. Hazelwood, Philadelphia; H. Murlin Hayes, Boston; B. Robert Hill, Ardmore; Dr. Isaac H. Holloway, Chicago; Walter D. Johnson, Atlantic City; William L. Jones, Winston-Salem, N. C.; William L. Jones, Cincinnati; L. V. Jones, Philadelphia; Percy L. Julian, Oak Park, Ill.; Lawrence A. Ozley, Washington; Thomas B. Orum, Detroit; Charles Henry Parrish, Louisville; Ernest Perkins, Baltimore; Thomas E. Poag, Columbus; John F. Potts, Gary; Charles E. Prothers, Atlanta; Fred Arthur Ransom, Indianapolis; William Ransom, Indianapolis; James Rawlins, Philadelphia; Harold Milton Randolph, Chicago; James A. Richman, Gary; Homer D. Rose, Richmond, Va.; Richard R. Wright, Columbus; Ellis B. Weathers, Brooklyn; Frederick S. Weaver, Washington;

Kenneth Williams, Columbus; Ambrose J. Williams, Roanoke, Va.; Benjamin F. Wilson, Gary; Robert Barnett Wilson, Belpoe, Ohio; Worthington Williams, Columbus, O.; Chester J. Gray, Columbus, O.; Oliver M. Greene, Charleston, W. Va.; George Alexander Isabell, Detroit; Dwight Sterrett, Boston; James Preston Lot-Berry, Vincent Kyll, Boston; James J. Byrd, Westfield, N. J.; Alexander Looby, Nashville; W. R. Benjamin M. Brownlee, Charleston, W. Va.; Albert Maynard, Tuskegee Institute; Charles W. M. Butler, St. Paul; Abram McGee Banks, Maxwell, Orangeburg, S. C.; Elvey E. Austin Jr., Durham, N. C.; Albert Mitchell, Institute, W. Va.; Robert Austin Petershury, Va.; William E. Baugh, Indianapolis; Joseph T. Brooks, Montgomery, Macon, New York; Milo C. Murray, Gary; James Ala.; Elwood Bernard Boone, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Jesse B. Blayton, Atlanta; Robert James E. Miller, Jefferson City, Mo.; James O. Milmer, Columbus, O.; Charles W. Znick, D. Basherville, Philadelphia; Leslie W. Cambridge, Mass.; P. V. Sterrett, Boston; Chester Beasley, Nashville; Dr. Leroy W. Bingham, Robert Spalding, Wilberforce; Winston-Gary; Mark G. Bircheite, Atlanta; Harrison Smith, Detroit; A. L. Terre, Salem, N. C.; Julius H. Taylor, Cane Mayden, Tskoma Park, Md.; Preston Bowie, N. J.; O. Thomas, Atlanta; Theodore Chicago; John D. Bowles, Houston; William Thompson, Dayton; Luther U. Trice, Wilberforce; Roger M. Yancey, Newark, N. J.; Boyd. Talladega, Ala.; Raymond Bradford George L. Burgess, Vaux Hall, N. J.; Branch, Petersburg, Va.; Albert E. Hunt, John L. Butler, New York; Richard O. Toledo, Pa.; Charles F. Harry, Indianapolis.

Kappas Invest Judge Scott With Fraternity's Highest Honors As Cleveland Convention Closes

Bought Home On University of Illinois Campus and Campaigned For Support of Anti-Lynching Bill, Annual Report Shows.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6—Welcomed to Cleveland personally by Mayor Harold H. Burton, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity ended its twenty-seventh annual conclave here Wednesday, the over 200 delegates and other hundreds of Kappa visitors leaving the city for their respective homes on Thursday. Seventy-eight chapters were represented.

Stressing the serious elements of its program and rededicating the fraternity to the service of the undergraduate students, the meeting opened on Sunday, when the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph Gomez of St. James A.M.E. Church, in the morning, and the city's official welcome given at a public meeting in the afternoon. A radio talk over WGAR was also a feature of the opening day.

Church Scouters

"Don't criticize and forsake the people who haven't had much education, those who shout in church, and those whom we feel have not reached where we are," the Rev. Dr. Gomez, a Kappa brother, pleaded.

"Let us get down and rub shoulders with the masses of the people; let us harness this emotional quality of our people for our advancement."

Following the same tone, Theophilus M. Mann, the presiding Grand Polemarch for the second year, said in his annual report:

Current Forces of Day

"If we are to promote the social, intellectual and moral welfare of our members, we must interest ourselves in the current forces of the day which accelerate or impede the progress of the racial group with which we are identified.

"It is impossible for our members to make honorable achievement in every field of human endeavor if we as a part of a minority group are purposely or inadvertently thwarted in our efforts by an existing system."

The Polemarch then called upon the delegates to "dispatch our routine business without unnecessary delay, and enter into a serious discussion of those issues which affect us as American citizens."

Welcomed by Mayor

Mayor Burton in his welcome "to the sixth city of the United States," described how the world is becoming increasingly one big community, with distance and space being wiped away every day by the new and fast means of transportation. It is in this kind of a world, he said, that the leaders of the world affairs must plan and achieve.

On this same program one of the high points of the conclave took place when Judge Armond W. Scott, of the Municipal Court of Washington, was invested with the laurel wreath, highest honor that can come to any Kappa man.

Diamond-Studded Pin

Only seven of these diamond-studded pins have been awarded in the 27 years' existence of the fraternity. No laurel wreath candidate was selected for next year.

Judge Scott was cited for his untiring struggle in the interest of the masses; for his militance as far back as in the days of Reconstruction, when he was run out of Wilmington, N. C., where he was editor of a very outspoken paper.

Overcoming many obstacles, he entered the practice of the law, was for three terms Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and in May, 1935, was named by President Roosevelt to the municipal bench where he has been acclaimed for his decisions which have been upheld in every case but one, by the higher courts.

Purchase Kappa Home

The buying of a home for Kappa men at the University of Illinois, the granting of several loans and scholarships, active campaigning for the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill, support-son-Fletcher Education Bill, and contribution of money to several worthwhile race projects were among the accomplishments of the fraternity during the year.

In its annual Guide Right movement, the fraternity sponsored "guide right" meetings and conferences for high school students in 14 cities in April; it sent delegates to the National Negro Congress and the National Negro Business League, was represented on and contributed $200 to aid the education fight of the joint health project planned by all the Greek letter societies, and contributed $200 to aid the education fight of the N.A.A.C.P.

Better Housing

Continuing its fight to get better housing for Negroes at the larger educational institutions, the fraternity had to get a white lawyer to buy the Chapter House at Urbana, Ill., at a cost of $5,000 in order to get this home.

Other attempts to buy in this university town had been opposed and defeated by white property owners.

The annual achievement awards went to Alpha Chapter, University of Indiana; the individual award to James D. Fowler, of Howard University, now a cadet at West Point after a brilliant career at Howard; the medal to the most outstanding high school graduate went to J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., of Chicago, and the Chicago Alumnus Chapter won the award for alumni activity.

Youngest Pledge

Young Wilkins was graduated from high schol at the age of 13, and was the youngest of 700 freshmen to enter the University of Chicago this year. He was active in nearly every field of activity while in high school and was awarded a scholarship for his University studies.

The son of the Keeper of Records and Exchequer of Kappa Alpha Psi, young Wilkins is already a Kappa pledge and will be one of the youngest men to be initiated in the fraternity.

Business meetings were held at th Phyllis Wheatley Association. The closed Kappa banquet was held at the City Club on Tuesday night, at which Councilman Lawrence O. Payne was the principal speaker.

Social Side De-emphasized

The closed Grand Chapter Prom was held at Oster's Dancing Academy Wednesday evening. Monday night the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was host to visiting Deltas, Kappas and Omegas at the Glenville Masonic Temple. Several social affairs were taken in by Kappa wives here. All the Greek letter societies also shared in the entertainment.

In charge of the entertainment of the Kappas were the Cleveland Alumni and the Alpha Omega Chapters. Dr. James E. Levy is Polemarch of the Alumni chapter; C. A. Parham of the undergraduate chapter. Dr. Oliver A. Taylor was general chairman.

Kappas Award Judge Scott Laurel Wreath

Theophilus Mann Grand Polemarch For Third Year

By G. JAMES FLEMING

CLEVELAND, Ohio—(ANP)—Chased out of town by North Carolina whites because he was too "radical" haunted by days of precariousness, but always struggling upward, Judge Armond W. Scott, of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia, was honored here when he was presented the laurel wreath—the highest honor in the gift of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which held its 27th annual grand conclave here last week.

Nominated last year, Judge Scott was cited for his years of struggle in the interest of "the down trodden masses;" for his perseverance to go forward "regardless of reverses" for the high position he now fills upon appointment by President Roosevelt, and for his faithful service to the fraternity.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The officers elected by the fraternity for the coming year are: Attorney Theophilus M. Mann, Chicago, grand polemarch for third successive year; Joseph A. Craigen, deputy commissioner of labor of Michigan, senior vice grand polemarch; Hondon Hartgrove, Wilberforce University student, junior grand vice polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, grand keeper of records and exchequer for fifteenth year; Thomas Shadowen, Morehouse College student, grand strategus; J. D. Alexander, Langston University student; lieutenant strategus; Guy Russell, University of Indiana student, student member of the grand board of directors; Dr. O. A. Taylor, Cleveland physician and Attorney Louis Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., senior members of the grand board.

Attorney Mann, grand polemarch of the fraternity, made the investment address, after which the diamond-studded laurel wreath was pinned on the militant jurist. Judge Scott is the seventh person to wear the wreath in the 27-years existence of the fraternity.

MAYOR OPENS MEETING

Mayor Harold H. Burton, opened the meeting, in which he stressed the breakdown of lines and barriers which have resulted from the invention of airplanes, radios and other facilities for wiping out space and distance.

Earlier in the day, the Rev. Joseph Gomez, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, preached the annual sermon, in which he criticized those who deplore the emotionalism of the uneducated Negro, without doing anything about it.

"Harness that emotionalism," he thundered, "and use this greatest gift of the Negro to our advantage not to keep us apart but to push us forward."

SPEECH IS BROADCAST

Sunday was also marked by a radio address by the grand polemarch over the regular "National Negro Hour" of WGAR. Speaking on "Negro Education," Mr. Mann said that while the fraternities are classed as social organizations, they "have also interested themselves in the many problems of the colored people of these United States."

Some of these problems he pointed out to be the inadequate provisions for the education of Negro children in many states; denial of civil rights, and opportunity to work.

Interest of the fraternity in the larger problems of the race was shown by Kappa's contribution of $200 to aid the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its fight to open the doors of state institutions to Negroes; the fraternity also wrote every senator and congressman urging the passage of the Federal anti-lynching bill; helped several members with scholarship aid, conducted a Guide Right Movement on an all-year basis, and helped in providing a research scholarship for a Negro instructor at one of the nation's leading institutions. This fellowship beneficiary was not a Kappa man, it was made known.

In accepting the laurel wreath.

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Dr. Wesley Steps Down as APA Fraternity Head

Delegates to 31st Convention Assemble in New Orleans

(Special to the AFRO)

NEW ORLEANS—Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the graduate school at Howard University, stepped down Tuesday as general president of the Alpha Phi Alpha college fraternity.

Before delegates from the nation's colleges assembled in the thirty-first anniversary convention here, Dr. Wesley said he had served six years (three terms), which is two years longer than any other president, and that he must now confine his activities to teaching and writing.



DR. CHARLES H. WESLEY

Dr. Wesley succeeded Dr. Dwight Holmes as chief of the graduate school a few months ago.

The convention mourned the passing of Robert H. Ogle, one of the six founders of the fraternity at Cornell.

Funeral Hokum Protested

Protesting against the type of hokum and bunkum practiced by fraternal organizations at funerals, the convention considered a simple recognition of the dead.

The convention, which meets biennially, discussed the advisability of annual sessions, the publication of a third edition of the A.P.A. history, and announced the incorporation of a foundation to publish scholarly books. Incorporators include Rayford Logan, Dr. Howard H. Long, Dr. Wesley, Dr. Charles Thompson of Washington, Dr. Dwight Holmes, Baltimore; Dr. W. F. Jurich, Philadelphia; Sydney P. Brown, Pittsburgh; and H. Council Trenholm, Alabama.

Income $26,000

The convention's income was estimated at $26,000. An increase in scholarships and fellowships and student loans was suggested as a program for the future.

Proposals to establish chapters in Africa and England were considered and assurances were given that fraternity initiations were universally conducted without old-time coarseness and brutality.

Appeal was made for an endowment fund and a statement issued to the effect that large national bodies no longer find it good business to hold mortgages on local chapter houses.

Convention speakers included: Judge Myles Paige, New York; Dr. David D. Jones, Greensboro; and Vertne W. Tandy, New York.

Rudy Vallee to Play for Omega Phi Psi Dance

Every year the two Chicago chapters of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity give a benefit dance for the South Side Boys' Club, located at 3947 South Michigan avenue. During the past three years they have had outstanding orchestras of the nation, namely, Jan Garber, Fletcher Henderson and Red Norvo.

This year the fraternity will present one of the outstanding musical organizations of the world, as they have been fortunate to engage for their dance Rudy Vallee and the Connecticut Yankees.

The dance will be held at the Eighth Regiment Armory on the night of Tuesday, September 27. Members of the committee are Dr. Fred C. Cade, chairman; Dr. W. J. Walker, Louis Redmond, Graham T. Perry, Felix Wilson, C. Rhodes Taylor and James Kemp, Jr.

Two features of the dance engagement promise to make this the most outstanding event of its kind ever staged by Negroes in this country. Mr. Vallee will open the evening's entertainment with a forty-five minute program featuring many of the stars that have appeared on his radio program in the past.

It is also planned to present a memorial to Mr. Vallee attesting the deep appreciation which the Negroes of Chicago and of the nation have for Mr. Vallee's continued presentation of artists of this race on his main radio program.

TO PLAY FOR FRATERNITY



RUDY VALLEE, benefactor to many Negro artists, who with his Connecticut Yankees, will play for the Omega Psi Phi fraternity dance to be given September 27 at the Eighth Regiment Armory for the South Side Boys' club. Mr. Vallee will feature many of the stars who have appeared on his program in the past.

16 WINNERS IN OMEGA'S NATL. ESSAY CONTEST

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1 — (ANP) — The Omega Psi Phi fraternity through Frederick S. Weaver, director of the achievement project, announces the following winners of the essay contest sponsored by the fraternity during the observation of National Negro achievement week.

High school awards are: first prize, Geneva Bolton, Browning high, Camden, S. C.; second, Catherine Chesney, Atkins high, Winston-Salem, N. C.; third, Irene Dillingham, Terrell high, Fort Worth, Tex.; fourth, Hannah M. Diggs, Atkins high, Winston-Salem; fifth, Eleanor Simmons, Browning high, Camden, S. C.; sixth, Daisy Phillips, Atkins high, Winston-Salem; seventh, Julia Anthony, Atkins high school Winston-Salem, and eighth, Joy Evangeline Hodge, Terrell high, Fort Worth.

College Award

College awards are: first prize Mary A. Thompson, Florida A and M., Tallahassee, Fla.; second, Vernon Daniels, Lincoln, Pa.; third, William K. Lyles, Winston-Salem Teachers, N. C.; fourth, Theodore Bolden, Lincoln; fifth, Elbert Robinson, Lincoln; sixth, Rufus B. Shorter, Lincoln; seventh Albert Maurice Moody, Southern; Scotlandville, La.; and eighth, Oswald W. Hoffler, Lincoln.

The winners of the first prizes in the high school and college divisions will receive $15 and $25 respectively and Negro Year Book for one year; second prize winners in the college and high school divisions will receive $15 and $10 respectively, and Journal of Negro Education for one year. The other winners will each receive a year's subscription to any Negro newspaper of their choice.

The essays were written on "The Negro and the Field of Journalism." Barrington D. Parker, instructor at Dillard university, directed the contest. Judges were Dr. Benjamin G. Brawley, Howard university; Dr. Eva B. Dykes, Howard; Mrs. Bertha McNeill, Dunbar High school, Madison, W. Tignor, Dunbar high, Washington, D. C.

Phi Beta Sigmas Hear Mitchell and Jackson At Conclave In N. C.

WINSTON SALEM, N. C.—At the Phi Beta Sigma conclave which is being held here during the current week, routine business will occupy the delegations from sixty-five chapters during the daytime, while the evenings have, in the main, a most interesting social program of reception and smokers. Wednesday night, however, was reserved for the public presentation of the Bigger and Better Negro Business program which is the great objective of the fraternity.

Congressman Mitchell and James A. Jackson, respectively a past president and the commercial counselor of the organization, were the programmed speakers for the occasion. Both are holders of the fraternity key for outstanding achievements. Mr. Jackson is a special representative of the Esso Marketeers with offices at 26 Broadway, New York, while Mr. Mitchell is in the House of Representatives from the first district of Illinois.

Platform guests for the occasion included Dr. R. R. Moton, Albion L. Holsey, Dr. George W. Carver, President George W. Lawrence of Chicago and his official cabinet.

The New York delegation to the conclave included five delegates, as many alternates, a past president, Capt. James Johnson, and four other national officers, Mr. Jackson, Emmet Mays, director of social actions; C. D. King, national secretary; B. Franklin Vaughn, editor of the Crescent. They constitute the largest group of national officers from any one city in the fraternity.

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Rudy Vallee Thrills Fans at Omega Dance

RUDY VALLEE and his talented group, the Connecticut Yankees alternated with Jimmie Noone's recording orchestra on Tuesday night at Eighth Regiment Armory. And Rudy's group really put on a show. When Rudy sang, as he did frequently, and the orchestra accompanied him, the jitterbugs just couldn't keep off the floor.

His Connecticut Yankees mimed, sang, danced and wise cracked. Miss Caryl Gould, the featured soloist was most entertaining too. The show lasted from 11:30 p. m., until 2 a. m.

During the course of the evening Mrs. Marva Louis Barrow presented Mr. Vallee with two gold trimmed tennis rackets, one from the Omegas and the other from the South Side Boys' club which will benefit from the dance. Both were inscribed to Rudy Vallee and were given in appreciation for the famous maestro's frequent presentation of colored talent. B. B. Church, director of the South Side Boys club made the presentation speech and Mr Vallee responded most graciously. Dr. Fred Cade was chairman of the men's committee for the dance; Mrs. B. B. Church was chairman of the group of Omega wives assisting for the occasion.

A few of those seen enjoying the famous radio star's music were Misses and Mesdames Alice Wilson, Holt, Lillian Martin, Hannah White, Thelma Morrow, Maude Giles, Marjorie Gillespie, Elizabeth Adams, Louise Briscoe, Wilhelmina Alexander, Anita Rivers, Laura Stark, Alice Stanard, Mamie Jones, Messrs. Stanton DePriest, Dr. D. L. Claiborne, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Church, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Cade, James Kemp, John Lewis, Louis Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Martin Johnson, Dr. T. F. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark, A. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. John Irvin, Jr., Col. and Mrs. Wm. Warfield, Capt. C. U. Turpin,

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson, Thomas Clarke, Dr. and Mrs. William Walker, Dr. C. V. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Taylor, Edwin Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. George Porter, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. William McKinnis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayo Williams, Dr. R. E. Ashe, Dr. Elmer McMillan, Mr. and Mrs Glover Matthews and many others.

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December 7, 1938

NEGRO SORORITIES HAVE 'BABY CONTEST'

Knoxville's three Negro sororities, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, and Alpha Kappa, are sponsoring a "baby contest" to raise scholarship funds for their national and local organizations.

The contestants are Katherine Lee, Bobbie Brown, Eleanor Holmes, Katherine Ann Edwards Jamesetta Waters, Clarice Stewart, Sherwood Reid, Gay Means, and Shirley Ann Harris. The winner will be crowned "Miss Phillipa Schuyler" at Mechanicsville Junior High School Dec. 12, in honor of Phillipa Schuyler of New York City, Negro child pianist and composer. The second and third prizes will be a dress and a doll respectively.

Teachers' Sorority Holding Its Annual Conclave In Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Christmas holidays will be a week of special celebration for the national Phi Delta Kappa Sorority. Plans have been completed for their business and pleasure which will be held in the Quaker City on December 27, 28 and 29. Sorors, all teachers in public schools, are expected from all over the United States to attend this conclave. It is the largest and most important effort on the part of the national committee. The calendar is so crowded that business sessions are scheduled for the afternoon and one in the evening of the first day, December 27th.

Tuesday, Mrs. O. Neida Cockrell of Chicago, Ill., will begin the business sessions at 9:30 a. m., continuing throughout the day with the large public meeting held at 8 p. m., at the St. Catherine Street Y. W. C. A. Following the public meeting w. coast sorors will meet east coast sorors, many of them for the first time for a very special Jam Session. Middle west and southern members will be welcome.

Wednesday the business meetings will come to a close early so that the members may visit the city's radio station. Then the social activities will take over the remainder of the evening. There will be a banquet at 9 o'clock at which time the attending sorors will receive a Christmas gift from Alpha Kappa Alpha. A party will follow.

Thursday will be a very hard day for the business meetings begin early and will move swiftly toward the close of the convention. A formal dance held in the evening will close the social festivities.

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Deltas Give $400 To AKA Health Unit

Vote Support To All Other Race Agencies

Special to Journal and Guide

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The first sign of closer cooperation between national Greek letter organizations appeared at the five-day session of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority here last week when $400 was voted to aid the health project being conducted in Mississippi by the Alpha Kappa sorority.

Carrying out the theme of the convention, "Looking skyward with adequate perspective," the Delta delegates also voted substantial support to the NAACP, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the National Urban League, and set aside a fund of $2,500 for scholarship awards and loans.

OFFICE IN WASHINGTON

Plans were laid for the establishment of national headquarters at Washington within the next two years. The office will carry a full-time executive secretary.

The convention took action pledging full cooperation with the NAACP in the drive for equalization of teachers' salaries and equality of opportunity for graduate study.

Delta chapters throughout the country this year will observe the 25th, Silver Jubilee anniversary of the sorority, the celebration ending in a special convention in December, 1938 in Washington, D. C., the birthplace of the sorority. Seventeen living founders of the organization are expected to be present.

The biennial convention will be held in New York City in December, 1939.

500 PRESENT

More than 500 delegates and visitors attended the Cleveland meeting. The open public session was held on the evening of December 26 at the St. James A.M.E. Church with the president, Mrs. Vivian Osborne Morris, presiding.

A reception at the Phyllis Wheatley Association building followed the public meeting. The business sessions opened Monday, December 27. Delegates representing 55 active chapters and six regions were present.

Speakers during the convention included Mrs. Jane Hunter, founder of the Phyllis Wheatley Association; Soror Vivian Anne Brown of Cleveland, who just returned from studying in India on a scholarship; Dr. Lucy Oxley of Cincinnati and grand chapter representatives of both the Kappa and Omega fraternities.

MRS. MORRIS REELECTED

Mrs. Vivian Osborne Morris of Berkley, Cal., was reelected for her second term as president at the closing session. Other officers elected were Miss May T. Wright of Baltimore, vice president; Miss Edna M. Kinchion of Port Worth, Texas, unanimously reelected for her second term as secretary; Miss Marian L. Palmer of Hampton Institute, reelected for fifth term as treasurer; Mrs. Lou Roberson of Los Angeles, Cal., journalist.

Regional directors elected were Mrs. Vassie W. Brown, Los Angeles, far west; Mrs. Hortense Young, Louisville, Ky., middle west; Miss Goldie Crutcher, St. Louis, Mo., central; Miss Francis Durden, Houston, Texas, southwestern; Mrs. Sue Cowan Morris, Memphis, Tenn., southern; Mrs. Mary J. Nightingale, Washington, D. C., eastern.

Highlights of the social activities were the Delta Artists Recital on December 28; Delta closed banquet on December 29; Closed Formal, December 30. The AKA, Alpha Phi Alphas, Omegas, Kappas and Iota Lambdas entertained at various times in honor of the visiting sorors.

200 Delegates Of Zeta Meet

HOUSTON, Jan. 8—(By S. Grace Bradley for ANP)—With nearly 200 delegates visiting sorors in attendance, the 18th annual boule of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was opened in the Odd Fellows building, Dec. 27 with Soror Anti-basileus Nellie Rogers, presiding.

The first public session held on Tuesday evening at Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, although saddened because of the recent passing of the Grand Basileus, Violette Anderson, was one of the most impressive ever held in any city. Soror Juanita Bates, prominent educator and civic worker of Ft. Worth, was the guest speaker, whose eloquent and soul-stirring address held the audience spell-bound.

Welcome addresses and greetings were extended the large delegation by Greek letter organizations, clubs and civic organizations of Houston.

Prominent among the addresses was the forceful welcome and appeal made by Roland Bradley, representative of the Chamber of Commerce and other outstanding organizations of which he is a part. Commending the sorority for its worthwhile projects, Mr. Bradley made several suggestions for the national group to consider during this boule.

Among those was the contribution to the Wiley College Endowment Fund, for which he has been instrumental in giving aid.

Featured among activities of the sorority on Wednesday evening was a program which was presented at Antioch Baptist church. Among the Zeta artists who were presented were Sorors Goldie Guy Martin, pianist; Lue Swarz, dramatist; Sadie Dunham, dramatic reader; M. Inez Robinson, soloist; I. Potis Gordon and others. Soror Lullelia Harrison, regional director and basileus of the hostess chapter and herself a dramatic reader, is responsible for the program of Zeta talent which received loud acclaim.

Local sorors included: Thelma Bailey, Olga B. Bell, Inez Y. Bowman, Esther G. Collins, Thelma M. Collins, Eula Mae Cotton, Geraldine F. Evans, Mabel T. Ewell, Geneva M. Green, Lullelia W. Harrison, Jennie V. Hayes, Hazel C. Lewis, Maggie N. Mashe, Leontine Osborne, Emma G. Pleasant, Sallie A. Powell, Vicie J. Shepherd, Lucy J. Smith, Gertrude C. Turner, Helen B. Turner, Ruby Y. Walls, Ethel J. Washington, Jovelyn H. Watkins, Gertrude M. Wells, Percy T. Williams, Olive M. Wright, and nearly 50 visiting sorors.

Deltas Hold Best Records

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(SNS)—The annual report of the registrar of the University of Louisville for 1937-38 shows that at Louisville Municipal College the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority led all other Greek letter groups at the college in scholarship average for both the first and second semesters. The 28 members of that sorority maintained an average of 1.5464 for the first semester, 1.5745 for the second semester, and 1.5595 for the year.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, with 30 members, was second with an average of 1.4750 for the first semester, 1.5253 for the second semester, and 1.4593 for the year.

Sigma Gamma Rho ranked third for the first semester with an average of 1.000, fourth for the second semester with 1.1136, and third with respect to the year with an average of 1.0403. Zeta Phi Beta, with .7794, was fourth during the first semester, but third during the second with 1.2111; for the year this group ranked fourth with 1.0253.

Among the fraternities Alpha Phi Alpha ranked first for the year, with .9030 and first during the first semester with .7821, but second during the second semester, with 1.0350. Omega Psi Phi, with 1.0575, held the second semester lead, but ranked second during the first semester with .6976 and second for the year as a whole, with .7570. Kappa Alpha Psi was third during the entire year, averaging .5625 for the first semester, 8383 for the second semester, and .7115 for the year.

The sororities as a whole averaged 1.3973 for the year and decisively outranked the fraternities with .8021. The scholastic average of the sororities was likewise higher than that of the college as a whole, but the scholastic average of the fraternities was lower than that of the college as a whole.

The purpose of the sorority is to render greater service and to help raise standards in various communities.

Requirements for admission are that applicants must have had four years of college work in a recognized institution, "must live beyond reproach in their communities so that their actions would not reflect negatively upon any organization."

Spartanburg, S. C. Herald
November 18, 1938

NEGRO SORORITY IS FORMED HERE

5 Charter Members Are In Local Club

A local chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, negro college organization, has been organized in Spartanburg with five charter members.

Those who belong to the unit are: Bessie L. Brown, Inez Ashley, Susie Boulware, Gladys Coleman and Johnnye Jones.

The chapter was organized Saturday afternoon at the home of Dr. Spurgeon D. Brown, 266 Edgewood avenue, by Elizabeth Lemon, a negro teacher of Atlanta university.

Sigma Gamma Rho, youngest of the collegiate sororities celebrated its 16th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 13. At present it has 45 chapters throughout the east, middle west and the south.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Meets In Washington 1939

GROUP ENDS COLORFUL SESSION IN CLEVELAND; SOROR ON RADIO

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 7 (Special).—An informal dinner was the starting gun of the Fifth Annual Convention of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority which was held here August 27 to 30. All business sessions were held in the Phillys Wheatley Association.

One of the highlights of the convention was the radio address given by the National President, Soror Lola M. Parker of Chicago, which was heard on the Wings Over Jordan Program over Station WGAR, Cleveland. The Sorority feels very proud to have listened to its President as she talked on this international hookup of the Columbia network, the largest of radio networks with 180 outlets.

Glenn T. Settle, Director of the Wings Over Jordan Program has been apprised of the gratitude of the Sorority for making it possible for Soror Parker to be the fifth woman to appear on this great and popular program, speaking to approximately 75,000,000 listeners. This address was given on Sunday morning, August 28.

Educational Meet Feature

Another highlight of the convention was the Educational Meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Antioch Baptist Church, of which Rev. W. H. McKinney is pastor. The program was opened by the singing of the Negro National Anthem. Musical numbers were rendered by Miss Roger Williams of Alpha Iota Chapter, Toledo, Ohio; Miss Eva L. Thomas, Delta Chapter, Atlanta, Georgia; and Mrs. Margaret G. Simms, Chi Chapter, Jacksonville, Florida. Welcome addresses were given by Mr. Nathaniel B. Bowen, Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, in behalf of that organization, and by Mr. Charles Collins who greeted the body in behalf of the Pan Hellenic Council. A very gracious response to the welcome was given by Soror O. P. Williams, Southern Regional Directress. The history of the Sorority was read by Soror Fuchsia Miller, Western Regional Directress.

The climax of that splendid afternoon meeting was reached when Soror Theodosia B. Skinner, the very charming Northern Regional Directress, presented the main speaker, Rev. Henry P. Jones of Philadelphia, formerly of Cleveland, whose message was most interesting, inspirational, and complimentary to the Sorority, as ably presented his chosen subject "The Plea Of Portia." The hostess chapter and local committee are to be commended for giving their sorors the privilege of hearing such a famed orator as Dr. Jones.

Honor Memory of Dead

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Among suggestions for consideration during the boule as advanced by Bradley was the contribution to the Wiley college endowment fund.

Featured among activities of the sorority on Wednesday evening was the selected talent program at Antioch Baptist church. Among Zeta artists presented were Sorors Goldie Guy Martin, pianist; Lou Swarz, dramatic reader; Sadie Dunham, dramatic reader; M. Inez Robinson, soloist; I. Potis Gordon and others. Soror Lullelia Harrison, regional director and basileus of the hostess chapter, and herself a dramatic reader, was in charge of the program.

National officers of the sorority include Atty. Violette Johnson, (deceased), grand basileus, Chicago; E. Mae Morgan, first anti-basileus and assistant national organizer, Raleigh, N. C.; Nellie B. Rogers, second anti-basileus, Indianapolis; Helen E. Wilson, grammateus, Dallas; Goldie G. Martin, tamiochous, Chicago; Antoinette B. Smith, jerveler, Richmond; Beatrice Catlet, chairman scholarship fund, Washington; Grace L. Collins, chairman executive committee, Washington; Fannie C. Clay, parliamentarian, Knoxville.

Regional directors: Ruth White Willis, eastern, Baltimore; Grace Bradley, southeastern, Atlanta; Myrtle Morton, central, Louisville, Ky.; Lullelia Walker Harrison, southern, Houston; Esther C. Peyton, middle Atlantic, Washington; Lou Swarz, west central, St. Louis; L. C. Sheffey, south central, Winston-Salem, N. C.; E. Juanita Tate, southwestern, Tulsa, Okla.

Sorors attending the boule were: Grace Collins, Esther Peyton, Edith A. Lyons, Blanch B. Clarke, Harriet L. Collier, Beatrice S. Cartlett, G. L. Tate and Ethel Rowe of Beta chapter, Washington; Lola Greer, Oklahoma City; E. Juanita Tate, A. E. Mann and M. M. Smith of Tulsa; Antoinette Bowler, Richmond, a.; Lottie Mae Smith and Ruth Miller, Salisbury, N. C.; Mary Neely and Dorothy Jones, Wichita, Kansas; Alta Mae Turpin, Nashville; Selcy Stevens and Mydget Robinson, Scotlandville, La. (Southern U.);

Alice C. Smith and J. L. Jemison, New Orleans; Nellie B. Rogers, Willie Mae Johnson and Florence E. Buford, Indianapolis; Lou Swarz, Elsie Gearin and Audrey Anthony, St. Louis;

Goldie G. Martin and Marjorie Stewart Joiner, of Alpha Alpha, Chicago; Maggie B. Daniel, Mary Marshall; D. Theresa Vanderbilt, Julia Code and Mildred Lewis, Waco; Ann G. H. Sasser, Prairie View (P. V. college); Vivian M. Thomas, Farrilla H. Emory, Blanch T. Johnson, Mildred Davis, Verdie Longrum, Bernice Hembry, Ruth Jackson, Juanita M. Williams and Rossye Lee Gipson, Kappa Zeta, Dallas;

Beatrice Mayo, Florence V. Purviance, Alice Wilson, Ruth White Willis and Helen E. Wilson, Baltimore; S. Grace Bradley, Epsilon Eta, Atlanta; Sadye L. Dunham, Iota, Cincinnati; Altida C. Dailey and Ann K. Scott, New York; Fannie Lou Henderson, San Antonio; Gladys Brown, Irene Collins, Vada Phillips Murray, Ruby Lee Anderson and Juanita Forde Bates, Psi Zeta, Fort Worth; Zenobia R. Mills, Rebecca Vivian Noble, Thelma Margaret Cooper and Eva Mae Bufford, Langston (Langston U.), Lambda Alpha; Amanda Sayles, Eta Beta, Louisville; Lucille Jordan, Chi, Austin; Mildred Portis Gordon, Beaumont; Clara A. Wheller and L. A. Mack, Theta Zeta, Bluefield, W. Va.

Zetas Hold Memorial For Miss Anderson

Soror Rogers Is Named To Position

By ANTOINETTE BOWLER

HOUSTON, Texas — Members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority brought their eighteenth annual boule to a close here Saturday, Dec. 31 with an impressive memorial service for the late Attorney Violette N. Anderson, who had served prior to her death for four years as grand basileus of the organization.

The rites were held in the Odd Fellows auditorium here with soror Edith A. Lyons as mistress of ceremony. In addition to the grand basileus, others mourned were Sorors Estelle Berry, Sarah Lane, Edyth Green and Edglena Fessonton.

Resolutions for the departed sorority leader were read by Miss S. Grace Bradley and the eulogy by Miss Harriet Collier. Others who participated in the program were Sorors Mildred Gordon, Alta Turpin, Grace Collins, Florence V. Purviance, M. Inez Robinson, Alice Wilson, Frances Butcher and Geraldine F. Evans.

Officers elected at the meeting attended by more than 200 delegates and visiting sorors were basileus, Nellie B. Rogers of Indianapolis, Ind.; first anti basileus, Grace L. Collins of Washington, D. C.; second anti basileus, Juanita F. Bates of Ft. Worth, Texas; grammatues, Helen E. Wilson of Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.; tamiousclios, Goldie Guy Martin of Chicago; jerveler, Antionette Bowler of Richmond, Va.; epistoleus, Lue Swarz, St. Louis, Mo., chairman of board, Beatrice Catlett, Washington, D. C.; and parlimentarian, Alida Daley, Montclair, N. J.

Soror Juanita Bates, prominent educator and civic worker of Ft. Worth, Texas, was the guest speaker at the first public session held Tuesday evening at the Mt. Vernon M. E. church. Welcome addresses were given by representatives of civic and fraternal organizations in the city.

Business sessions began Wednesday morning and continued throughout the day. A feature of the activities Wednesday was a "Talent Program" at which time Zeta artists were presented.

Appearing were Sorors Lue Schwarz, M. Inez Robinson and Geraldine Evans.

Included among delegates present were Sorors Grace Collins of Washington, D. C.; Antoinette Bowler of Richmond, Va.; Lottie Mae Smith of Salisbury, N. C.; Ruth White Wilis, Helen R. Wilson, and Helen E. Wilson of Baltimore; S. Grace Bradley of Atlanta; Altida C. Dailey and Ann K. Scott of New York City; Clara A. Wheller and L. A. Mack of Bluefield, W. Va.

AKA'S CLOSE FINE MEET

NEW ORLEANS—(A N P)—With the largest delegate and visitors attendance in its history, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority closed its 20th annual boule Friday night after a session which was notable because of its serious and constructive character. Challenging its membership to show evidence of its responsibility to the less favored members of the race by helping to solve some of the problems which beset them, the sorority voted funds in support of a number of racial endeavors and planned to participate in various movements seeking to improve the status of the Negro.

Two thousand five hundred dollars was voted to continue the sorority health project in Mississippi, an effort which has attracted wide-spread attention and commendation. Instead of being confine to one community or county, additional territory is to be covered in future plans. Donations were made also to the NAACP, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, and the Peace Cause. Especial emphasis and prolonged discussion were devoted to the problems of unemployment especially as they affect colored women and plans were discussed for alleviation.

The two universities here, Dillard and Xavier and Gilbert Academy of which Mrs. Bowen is principal, joined hands with the citizens of the community in providing the most lavish and hospitable sort of welcome and entertainment imaginable. The public meeting was held at Xavier university. Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, chairman of the widely acclaimed health project, was the principal speaker of the evening. Margaret Davis Bowen, the dynamic grand basileus, whose administration has been vigirous and virile presided. Etta Moten was the artist-solo for the occasion.

Margaret Davis Bowen was returned to office as grand basileus. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore was elected secretary; Helen Finley of Wichita, assistant secretary; Portia Trenholm, south central regional director; and Rosetta Nolan, mid-western regional director, with all other officers remaining unchanged. Many social courtesies were exchanged with the Alpha Phi Alphas who were also in session in New Orleans this week.

Mrs. V. Marsh Again Named Delta Head

CLEVELAND—(ANP) — Mrs. Vivian Osborne Marsh of Berkley, Cal., was re-elected grand president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, which closed its national convention here last week.

Other grand officers chosen are: Mae Wright, vice president; Edna Kinchion, secretary; Marian Palmer, treasurer, and Mary Lou Roberson, journalist.

The Sunday opening meeting at St. James AME Church was the occasion for the address of the National president, Mrs. Vivian Osborne Marsh of Berkley, Cal. Mayor Harold M. Burton made the welcome address.

Miss Audrey Walker, president of Omega, the hostess chapter, extended greetings to the visitors. Cleveland's central location attracted 360 delegates and visiting sorors to the convention which was the largest in Delta history, reporting 95 chapters.

In her opening address, Mrs. Marsh presented the program of the sorority and its emphasis upon higher education. The convention theme was, "Building skyward by far vision and adequate perspective in our sorority life."

Soror Isabelle Askew of Wilberforce University, chairman of the judiciary board, presided at the Tuesday conference.

Soror Edna Kinchion, grand secretary, presided over the Wednesday conference, and on Thursday afternoon, Soror Anne Duncan of Cincinnati was the presiding officer.

Speakers at these occasions were:

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Jesse O. Thomas of the Urban League; Soror Anne Brown of Oberlin, and an exchange student to India; Dr. Anna R. Johnson, past grand president, and Dr. Lucy Oxley.

An outstanding event, given at the Cleveland Museum of Arts, was the artist recital participated in by Delta sorors. Soror Martha Sutton was the vocal artist.

200 Attend Zeta Boule

HOUSTON (ANP) — With nearly 200 delegates and visiting sorors in attendance, the eighteenth annual boule of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was held here last week, with Soror Anti-basileus Nellie Rogers, presiding.

The first public session held on Tuesday evening at Mt. Vernon ME Church, although saddened because of the recent passing of the grand basileus, Violette Anderson, was one of the most impressive ever held here.

Among the Zeta artists presented on Wednesday evening were: Goldie Guy Martin, pianist; Lue Swarz, dramatist; Sadie Dunham, dramatic reader; M. Inez Robinson, soloist; and I. Potis Gordon.

Delegates included:

Grace Collins, Esther Peyton, Edith A. Lyons, Blanch B. Clarke, Harriet L. Collier, Beatrice S. Cartlett, G. L. Tate, Ethel Rowe, all of Washington, D.C.;

Antoinette Bowler, Richmond, Va.; Lottie May Smith and Ruth Miller, Salisbury, N.C.;

Beatrice Mayo, Florence V. Purviance, Alice Wilson, Ruth White Willis and Helen E. Wilson, Baltimore; S. Grace Bradley, Atlanta, Ga.; Sadye L. Dunham, Cincinnati; Altida C. Dailey, and Ann K. Scott, New York; Amanda Mosley Sayles, Louisville, Ky.; Clara A. Wheller; and L. A. Mack, Bluefield, W.Va.